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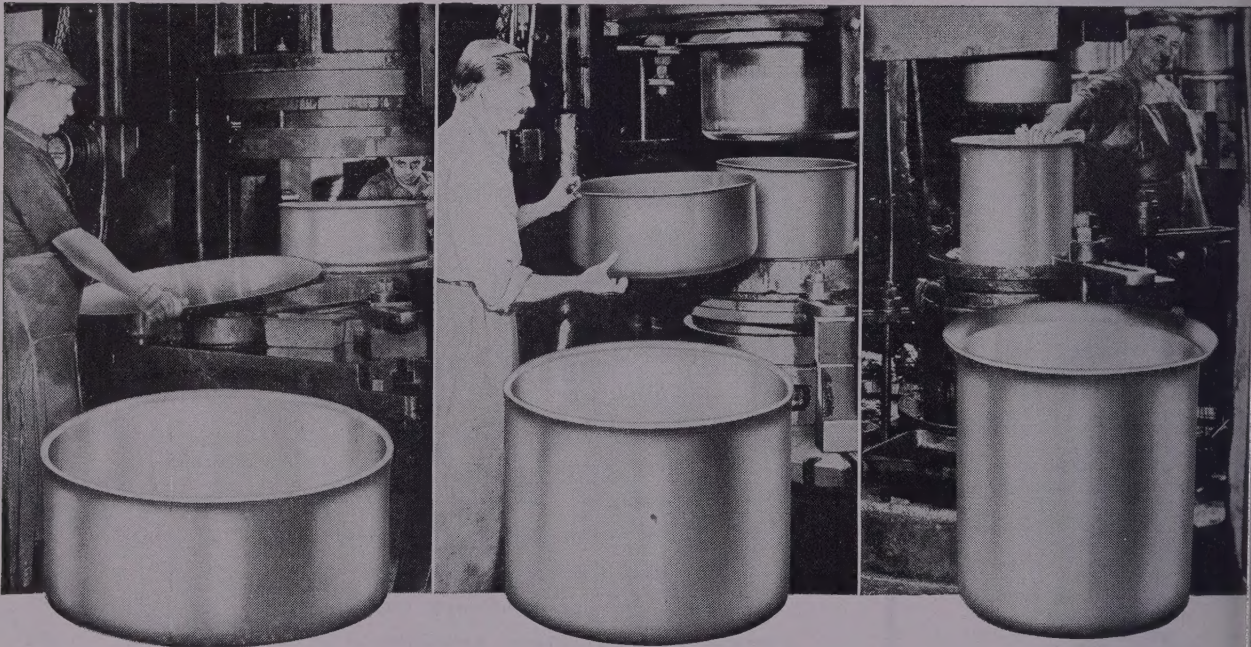
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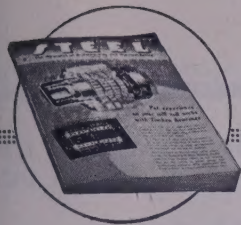
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Economic Frustration

On page 65 of this issue appears an illustration showing two Oldsmobile passenger cars. One is a "Limited" four-door touring car built in 1910. It weighs 5000 pounds and was priced at \$5000. The other is a "Futuramic 88" convertible coupe built in 1949. It weighs 3845 pounds and sells for \$2586.

The contrast in the two cars reflects technological progress, improvements in organization and many other advances during the 39-year interval. The remarkable increase in value per dollar of purchase price is all the more noteworthy because during this period hourly wages in the automobile industry increased eight times.

Everybody will agree that improvements in technique which permit the buyer to get more for his money at the same time the worker gets eight times as much in money for his hour of work are highly desirable. Unfortunately, there is another factor in this equation.

That factor is the buying power of the dollar. On Oct. 23, Representative John Taber of New York made some pertinent remarks about inflation. "If a man who earned \$1500 annually before the war now earns \$3000," declared Mr. Taber, "he is at least 10 per cent worse off on account of price increases and an additional 10 per cent worse off on account of tax increases. Thus as a result of Mr. Truman's planned inflation, the low income family is 20 per cent worse off than it was before."

If Representative Taber had gone back to 1910 instead of to 1941 for a figure with which to compare today's buying power of the dollar, the contrast would have been even more startling. It seems clear that for a number of decades much of the gain we have made in manufacturing more efficiently has been more than offset by serious declines in the purchasing power of our money.

In spite of this and in spite of a federal deficit next June 30 which will amount to from \$5.5 to \$8 or even \$10 billion, President Truman seems determined to seek even more inflation. It is a shame that industry's effort at higher wages to produce more and better goods at lower prices for more people constantly is being frustrated by fiscal chicanery.

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WHO ARE THE WINNERS?: Direct losses resulting from the steel strike are heavy. It is estimated that steel company employees lost \$178 million in direct wages. They will have to work two full years to regain in future social security benefits the wages they lost during the past six weeks.

The loss in steel ingot output from the beginning of the strike until operations return to the prestrike rate will amount to 10.5 million net tons. This has a dollar value of more than \$700 million. The increased burden per hour, in the case of some companies, will amount to

as much as \$4 per ton of steel. What portion, if any, of this will be passed on to the buyer in the form of higher prices cannot be predicted now.

As steelworkers, operators, steel customers and the general public contemplate these losses, they are bound to wonder whether anybody in the long run will have won enough to compensate for the losses. It may take all of three years to find the final answer.

Unquestionably public resentment over steel and other strikes in 1946 was a factor in the election of November of that year which gave

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AS THE EDITOR VIEWS THE NEWS

the Republicans majorities in both houses of Congress. If the tactics by which Mr. Murray and the present administration engineered the recent work stoppage, with its resultant losses, coupled with the coal mess, provoke a similar resentment, it could be possible that by November, 1952, the real losers will turn out to be those who appear to be the winners today.

—p. 51

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ASSOCIATIONS DOUBLED: Since the beginning of World War II the number of industrial associations has increased by leaps and bounds. In the metalworking and allied fields alone the number has mounted from 340 in 1941 to 790 in 1949. It is estimated that in the next 30 days about 240,000 persons will attend 60 metalworking conventions and exhibitions. The average person who attends will stay in the convention city 3.9 days and will spend about \$1 an hour during his visit. Most major conventions and shows are held in Philadelphia, Atlantic City, New York, Cleveland, Chicago and St. Louis.

Probably the marked increase in associations and conventions results largely from the trend toward greater specialization. Small groups break away from larger associations and form their own organization so that they can specialize on problems of common interest. —p. 62

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HOW TO USE STAINLESS: In the current installment on "The Production of Stainless Steel," the author, B. H. DeLong of Carpenter Steel Co., describes various types of stainless steel with valuable information as to their physical properties, fabricating problems and indicated applications.

In reading Mr. DeLong's discussion, users of stainless steel will be impressed not only by the number of types available for a wide range of uses but also by the ingenious manner in which many steels may be handled to circumvent difficult forming, machining, finishing and similar operations. For instance, because of their excellent toughness, the 18-8 types of stainless steel are more difficult to machine than many steels. Type 303 was developed to answer this problem. Machinability was improved by additions of selenium or sulphur.

In numerous similar instances, slight changes in analysis or in treatment affords the user a steel and a handling technique which can be adapted to almost any conceivable requirement.

Mr. DeLong's article is full of good hints for users of stainless steel. —p. 102

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ATTRACTIVE INVESTMENT: In addressing the Boston chapter of the American Society of Tool Engineers, Tell Berna, general manager of the National Machine Tool Builders' Association, declared that the loss of production due to the steel and coal strikes is far less than the nation's loss of potential production due to the obsolescence of machine tool equipment.

Mr. Berna based this arresting statement on the estimate that 43 per cent of machine tools now in use are ten years old or older and 95 per cent are over ten years old in design. "American industry is still operating largely with machine tools of war vintage, the models of which were frozen in 1940," he explained. "These machines," he added, "average one-third less in productivity than the new models displayed at the Machine Tool Show in Chicago two years ago."

At this average figure, purchase of a new machine would provide a 50 per cent increase in productivity, which should be an attractive investment. —p. 57

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33 WAYS TO CUT COSTS: A survey of 25 companies by the Controllershship Foundation, research organization of Controllers Institute of America, reveals 33 major ways in which industry can reduce costs. These 33 fall into four categories: Inventory reduction and subsequent control, reduction of production costs, cutting administrative overhead and expanding sales.

While opportunities in each of the four categories differ according to type of product, many metalworking companies probably will find that reduction of production costs is most important. According to the controllers' survey, the most popular ways of reducing production costs are controlling scrap losses, controlling budgets, introducing incentive plans, improving inspection procedures, simplifying product, standardizing, mechanizing and improving materials handling.

In numerous plants this would be a good check list for management to use in its constant effort to cut costs. —p. 63

E. L. Shaner

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

News Summary

SMOG AGAIN—Smoke is pouring from mill stacks in the steelmaking centers again as many of the larger mills resume production after six weeks of strike idleness (p. 51). Operations will rise fairly sharply this week, although necessary repairs to facilities damaged during the strike will preclude reaching the prestrike rate. Loss in ingot production is estimated at 10.5 million tons, which converted into finished products would have brought more than \$700 million. Direct wage losses to strikers are estimated at \$178 million. Indirect losses are incalculable.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK—Look for a wobble in the nation's postwar economic cycle as a result of the steel and coal strikes (p. 53). Had there been no major strikes we may have been well into an industry expansion phase of a three-stage progression: Initial boom, shakeout, expansion. The shakeout period in which we now find ourselves will be prolonged because the steel industry will take about nine months to make up lost production. Prospects for major steel-consuming industries—auto, construction and appliance—are bright. Public construction, particularly, should be good. In last week's elections, voters approved \$1.5 billion in bond issues for public building. This compares with \$1.2 billion approved in 1948 and \$1.1 billion in 1947.

AUTOS—Automakers think a lot of you are going to buy a new car in 1950 (p. 65). They estimate that next year's production will fall only 10 or 15 per cent below the record 6.4 million units likely to be assembled this year. A preview of new models reveals only minor changes in the 1950 appearance, but considerable refinement in engine and transmission design.

FTC STEEL CASE—Lynn C. Paulson, Federal Trade Commission trial attorney, says an out-of-court settlement of the steel pricing case is no capitulation by the FTC and not at variance with the commission's aims (p. 56). The agreement, which would permit freight absorption that does not unlawfully lessen competition, is in line with the O'Mahoney measure pending in Congress. No date has yet been set for presentation of the proposed settlement for FTC approval.

FEDERAL SPENDING—Now that your congressman is home, the time is ripe to let him know how you feel about federal spending (p. 58). In the next session, Congress will know what it's doing about appropriations. A new method provides that one consolidated general appropriation measure cover everything except deficiencies and supplementals. No longer will the multiplicity of appropriations measures, as permitted by the old method, give the lawmakers an out. They can't say they didn't realize how expenditures were mounting. The fiscal picture for the year ending next June 30 is the most dismal in peacetime history. The deficit this year will be from \$8 billion to \$10 billion.

FOREIGN—We in the United States have set a new deadline for Western Europe (p. 61). In effect, Europe has been told: Unite economically or don't expect new ECA help next year. Administrator Paul G. Hoffman and Secretary of State Dean Acheson are urging economic union now, political union eventually. The proposals are meeting cool receptions overseas.

CONVENTIONS—You and some 240,000 other people may be attending one or more of about 60 metalworking meetings and shows in the next month. (p. 62). Nearly 2.9 million persons this year have attended or will attend about 720 metalworking gatherings. In 1950 even more conventions are scheduled, but total attendance will slip.

HERE AND THERE IN INDUSTRY— Around 43 per cent of the machine tools now in use are at least ten years old, and 95 per cent are over ten years old in design (p. 57) . . . Ingot output in October was the lowest in 17 years (p. 55) . . . In August automakers increased their lead as the principal steel consumer; construction was second (p. 55) . . . Both exports and imports of iron and steel gained in August (p. 56) . . . Tool and die manufacturers' outlook is good (p. 63).



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Steel Output Gaining Momentum

Recovery to prestrike operations slowed by necessity for repairing furnaces. Miners' return assures adequate near-term fuel supplies. Wage, production losses huge

ES over Pittsburgh, Chicago, Youngstown and other steelmaking centers are darkening again as blast furnaces and open hearths resume production. But people tempted last summer to complain about the smog are glad to see it again. Steelworkers and operators are mending their losses. The score is something like this:

Two Years To Regain—Strikers stand estimated \$178 million in lost wages. If pension and social insurance gains amount to 10 cents an hour they will work the next two years to regain in future social security benefits the losses in wages of the last six weeks. For many steelworkers, savings have vanished. Some are beginning to feel hunger pangs since the strike ended.

Steel Loss High—Loss in steel production from the start of the strike until prestrike operations are resumed will amount to 10.5 million tons. This is equivalent to 7.8 million tons of sheets, plates, pipe and other finished steel products. The dollar value of the lost production of steel will amount to more than \$700 million.

Lukens Gives In—Lending hope that capacity operations will be resumed within the next week or two is a moratorium in the soft coal market. Fed with some back-to-work movements among his near-destitute miners and with the probability that the government soon would crack down on the coal strike, John L. Lukens gave his miners the nod to return to work without a contract until Nov. 30.

Steel mills have coal stocks vary from a low of two or three weeks' supply in the Mahoning valley to five or six weeks' or more at other centers. Coal mines will be operated on five or six-day week as long as the coal strike moratorium lasts.

Some Furnaces Damaged—Maintenance workers are repairing damages at steelmaking facilities resulting from the strike. One producer reports eight of 16 open hearths are being relined. A Pittsburgh open-hearth superintendent hates to hear the telephone ring; too often it is

from the mill reporting another furnace roof has caved in.

Other mills say facilities have been maintained in good shape throughout the work stoppage and that a high level of operations can be reached within a few days.

Finished products will be flowing from many mills this week and near-normal operations can be expected within 10 days. Metalworking companies whose inventories have been depleted or unbalanced by the strike may require several weeks to restore them to a good operating level.

The Pension Pattern

Pension agreements signed by the larger steel producers and the United Steelworkers generally follow the Bethlehem pattern, although some important differences are indicated.

Benefits of \$100 a month, including federal social security, for employees with 25 years of service are provided at retirement at age 65.

The company pays the entire pension cost.

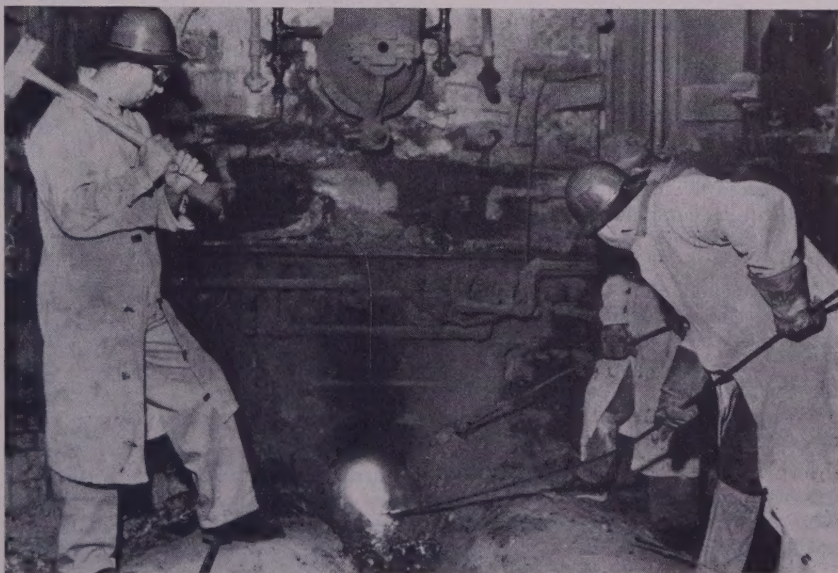
Minimum Pensions Guaranteed—Employees with 15 years of service are guaranteed \$60 a month and 20-year employees will get a minimum

of \$80 monthly at retirement at age 65. If an employee's earnings and years of service entitle him to more than \$100 a month, he will get what he is entitled to under the formula. This formula provides he will receive 1 per cent of his average monthly earnings for the last 120 months of employment multiplied by his years of service. Thus a worker averaging \$300 a month during his last 10 years of employment and having 40 years of service would be entitled to \$120 a month plus his social security.

Inland Offers Alternatives—Inland Steel Co. offered to give its workers a choice of two pension plans: 1. A noncontributory pension of \$100 a month, generally following the union pattern; 2. continuing in Inland's established retirement income plan which the company says guarantees the steelworkers substantially more than the industry pattern. Under the latter plan, the worker would contribute.

Lukens Plan Amended—The non-contributory plan in force at Lukens Steel Co. for more than 30 years was accepted by the union with slight modifications. Single men will receive the same pension as married men under the modified plan. Heretofore, married men have received more. A \$10 a month increase is provided for pensioners with 40 years of service.

Newport Settles for Dime—Newport Steel Corp. agreed to contribute 10 cents an hour toward pensions and social insurance, including its present



STEELWORKERS PUT TORCH TO TAP HOLE
... as mills resume production after 6-week strike

contribution toward a welfare program. Employees will continue to contribute toward the social insurance plan. Details of the pension plan and possible changes in the insurance plan will be worked out later.

Disability—Several settlements provide that employees incapacitated after 15 years of service will receive a disability grant of \$50 a month from the time he is disabled until he reaches 65. At 65, he will become entitled to the pension called for by his service prior to disability.

Contributory Insurance

Social insurance program provided in the strike settlements will be on a contributory basis. Amount of employees' contributions vary.

The Bethlehem agreement calls for equal sharing by worker and company of the cost of insurance, estimated at a total of 5 cents an hour.

Republic employees will pay an average of 3½ cents an hour for insurance and the company will pay 2½ cents.

Inland offers to pay 60 per cent of the cost of insurance, with the worker paying 40 per cent.

Jones & Laughlin and employees will share equally in cost of insurance program to cost not more than 5 cents an hour.

Lukens will pay 62½ per cent of insurance costs, against 37½ per cent by employees.

Insurance benefits will vary under the agreements, but generally include group life, sickness and accident benefits, hospitalization and surgical expense reimbursement. Details remain to be worked out in many plans.

Pension Talks Spread

Granting of noncontributory pensions by the larger steelmakers is spurring unions in other metalworking industries to press for similar benefits. Talks are being held or are being asked by the union in the automotive, farm equipment, electrical and many other metal fabricating industries.

International Harvester is conducting pension-insurance bargaining talks with the United Auto Workers-CIO. Talks also have been held with the United Farm Equipment Workers, left-wing union which was ousted by the CIO two weeks ago.

Exploratory conversations are underway between the UAW-CIO and General Motors whose contract runs until May 31.

Chrysler Corp. is bargaining with UAW. Ford granted noncontributory pension of \$100, including social security benefits, several weeks ago.



COAL FLOWS FROM PITS AS LEWIS GIVES IN
... but plenty of cars remain to be filled

Negotiations between electrical equipment companies and the left-wing electrical workers union just expelled from the CIO will be hampered by the uncertainty regarding affiliation of workers in these plants. Large numbers of workers are indicating their desire to pull out of the left-wing union and remain in the CIO's new right-wing electrical workers union.

Coal Shipments Resumed

John L. Lewis lost the coal strike. His miners were hungry and destitute. Many had no coal to heat their own homes. Some went to work in nonunion mines. Others were starting a back-to-work movement that threatened to spread.

The United Mine Workers might have disintegrated had not Mr. Lewis declared a moratorium in the coal walkout.

U. S. Ready To Move—The government was getting ready to crack down on the coal strike. The administration would rather crack down on Mr. Lewis than almost any other labor leader. President Truman reportedly was ready to invoke the Taft-Hartley act if last-minute mediation efforts failed.

This would have meant a fact-finding board probing into the affairs of the miners' union. The miners' welfare fund would have come under scrutiny. Questions as to why the fund is near-bankrupt would have been raised. Charges by the operators that the fund has been mismanaged would have been explored and the secrecy surrounding the fund's ad-

ministration would have been brushed aside. Mr. Lewis deemed it wise to send his miners back to work.

Full Week—Coal shipments are turning to normal. During the moratorium the mines will be operated either five or six days a week at the discretion of the operators. Miners will be paid overtime rates if six days is worked.

Railroads Recall Men—Furloughed railroad employees were called back to work as the mines reopened. More than 90,000 railroad employees expected to return to their jobs this week.

Trucking companies in the mining districts, which were almost paralyzed by the coal stoppage, are active again.

Bridges Wants Out

Sen. Styles Bridges (Rep., N. H.) wants to be discharged as new trustee of the miners welfare fund. The senator has asked the disbarment federal court in Washington to charge him after an accounting made of his stewardship of the fund.

His action followed numerous criticisms of the management of the fund by mine operators and by miners with claims against the fund.

The fund ran out of money after Mr. Lewis ordered a six-day work-week in the mines. Actuaries contend that the welfare fund never on a sound basis and would have run into trouble even if miners' work-week had not been abbreviated.

Economic Cycle Wobbles

Strikes postpone transition to third, expansion phase of postwar economy until late 1950

ANALYSTS missed their cues for the third act of America's postwar economic drama, but they should be let-ting it perfect for the next try, probably to come late in 1950.

In August and September economic analysts were saying that possibly early next year the transition from shakeout phase in our economy to one of industry expansion could be well along (see STEEL, Sept. 12, p. 7), provided no major strikes occurred. The coal and steel walkouts have disrupted the timing in the traditional U. S. postwar cycle: Immediate boom, shakeout and industry expansion.

Shakeout Prolonged—The shakeout stage in our economy will be prolonged as industry tries to overcome the loss of 10.5 million ingot tons of steel, millions of tons of coal and lost wages, savings and company earnings.

The steel industry should take nine months to make up the strike losses, assuming that it would have been operating at about 85 per cent of capacity had there been no strike and that it soon begins to go at near-capacity operations.

Prices May Rise—Stable or slightly declining prices—a "must" for the third expansion phase which was apparently being met in August and September—now appear unlikely for the next nine months. Steel producers certainly won't be able to cut prices, may have to boost some to cover higher costs. A hint of things to come is seen in the activity of nonferrous metals. Zinc and copper have risen since the beginning of the steel strike. Lead and tin have declined, but they might have risen had it not been for currency devaluations in September. Only aluminum of the major nonferrous metals remains stable. The composite price of steelmaking scrap has risen to \$3 from the October average of \$2.71. When there was no strike in September, the composite stood at \$2.67.

Prosperity Cycle Possible

The basic ingredients—money and demand—are present to start the country off on a new cycle of prosperity, says Cloud Wampler, president of Carrier Corp., Syracuse, N. Y. He told the Society for Advancement of Management in New York that he expects a "temporary spurt" in the first half of 1950, followed by

a decline in the second six months when we begin to pay for the coal and steel strikes.

Sufficient money and strong demand are not enough, says Mr. Wampler. These factors "are unalterably mixed up with the political ingredients" which are "leading us toward a welfare state." He urged businessmen to give more of their time to practical politics.

Appliance Slowdown Seen

The major appliance industry, which was working extra shifts for two months before the steel strike, is still operating at high levels but dwindling steel supplies may bring mass shutdowns in the last half of November, even if all the steel industry is back to work by then. Appliance makers expect a three-week lag before they get steel deliveries again.

General Electric Co. last week closed its Erie, Pa., refrigerator plant which employs 6000. Westinghouse Electric Corp. is still producing refrigerators on a 16-hour-a-day basis, but the steel strike has delayed production of 1950 models. Another item to be affected, after refrigerators, will be the tank-type-vacuum cleaner.

Kelvinator Sales Set Mark

Refrigerator sales of the Kelvinator Division of Nash-Kelvinator Corp. reached a new high in the fiscal year ended Sept. 30. Eight per cent more refrigerators were sold than in the 1948 fiscal period, the best previous year.

Encouraged by Rise in Sales

Rise of third quarter sales to a level 32 per cent above those of the second quarter helps Apex Electrical Mfg. Co., Cleveland, feel encouraged over the outlook for the home appliance business.

The company's third-quarter sales totaled \$5,372,536, compared with \$4,077,207 in the second quarter. Heartening to the company is a heavy backlog of orders on most of its products.

Vanadium Finds Uranium

Vanadium Corp. of America has discovered a new uranium bearing orebody in Utah near Marysville about 220 miles south of Salt Lake City, President W. C. Keeley confirms.

"It is a new type of uranium deposit," says Mr. Keeley, "and it looks very promising." He says the deposit contains good grade ore, but he would not disclose its type or the uranium content.

One Strike Helps, One Hinders

Oil heater industry hopes the steel strike won't prevent it from meeting the increased demand engendered by the coal strike. A 20 per cent increase in 1950 sales is expected.

A. T. Atwill, president of the Oil Heat Institute of America, says that makers of central oil heating units already have exceeded their 1949 goal of 550,000 units sold. Two years ago they sold 850,000, partly because of strike effects on coal supplies. In 1948 the total dropped to 450,000 largely because of reports of oil shortages.

Voters Make Business

Construction projects given approval at elections will create demand for metal products

IN LOOKING for business, don't overlook public construction projects!

Not only are they at a high level but the voters in last week's elections authorized a lot more. Across the country more than \$1.5 billion of additional state and local government spending now bears approval. That figure, described as record-breaking, eclipses the \$1.2 billion worth of bonds approved at the polls in November, 1948, and \$1.1 billion in November, 1947.

All of the money involved in the \$1.5 billion worth of bond issues approved last week will not go to construction projects: Some of it is for veterans' bonuses.

Bulk for Construction—Nevertheless the bulk is for construction projects which will require products of the steel and metalworking industries.

Voting approval on \$1.5 billion worth of bond issues does not mean the voters are getting reckless. They are merely doing two things: 1. Replacing obsolete facilities that could not be replaced during the war and in the materials and labor shortage period immediately after the war; 2. expanding facilities to accommodate the increased population. Passage of all of the issues was not a snap for proponents. In some instances the voters' approval was won only after vigorous promotional campaigns and several attempts to pass an issue.

Highways Lead—The uptrend this year over 1948 and 1947 in public construction shows contracts awarded by state and local governments for such work in the first eight months of 1949 to be \$2,825,129,000, compared with \$2,305,066,000 in the correspond-

ing period of last year. So reports the U. S. government's General Services Administration. Leading the construction classifications is highways, with contract award valuations totaling \$970,691,000 in the first eight months of 1949. Second are educational buildings, \$570,040,000. Hospital and institutional building accounts for \$258,493,000; sewerage systems, \$201,878,000; and water supply facilities, \$165,646,000.

U. S. Calls for More Roads

The Federal Bureau of Public Roads is calling for an \$11 billion expansion and improvement program to prevent the nation's highways from "going to pot."

The program would take 10 to 20 years to complete, would improve 40,000 miles of interstate systems, would build 11,000 miles of divided four-lane highways.

Today there are 43 million cars and trucks on the roads, compared with only 26 million vehicles in 1930. The bureau estimates that the American highway system would be adequate only by 1933 standards. Although the agency spent an alltime record of \$1.7 billion this year for road construction, it considers itself 17 years behind the times.

Electrification Needs Large

Rural Electrification Administration's latest survey shows 1,277,153 farms are still without central station electric service. There are also hundreds of thousands of unelectrified rural non-farm dwellings, crossroads businesses, schools, churches etc. which are not included in the survey.

Congress has authorized \$350 million in loan funds for fiscal 1950 for rural electrification. On the basis of the REA survey \$175 million will be apportioned among the states. Biggest recipients will be: Mississippi, \$18.4 million; Missouri, \$12.9 million; Kentucky, \$11.6 million; Texas, \$11.4 million; and Tennessee, \$11 million. The remaining \$175 million plus \$45 million in carryover funds from fiscal 1949 are available without state allotment, but no more than 10 per cent of these funds can be loaned to any one state.

Communities Rush for Housing

Communities all over the country are rushing to benefit from the low-rent public housing program established by the Housing Act of 1949.

Act authorizes construction of 810,000 housing units to be built in the next six years with federal financial assistance; it sets a limit of 135,000 for any one year. So far 48 communities have received Public Housing



MORE NEW SCHOOLS
... voted by taxpayers

Administration approval of loan applications covering 191,280 housing units to be constructed over the first two-year period; this leaves 78,720 units still to be spoken for—and new applications are coming in every day.

Loans are to cover the cost of planning the housing projects. After erection, PHA is authorized to pay annual contributions to the projects; cities involved will fix special low tax rates on the developments to make the housing available to low-income families.

Construction To Slip in 1950

Building and construction volume based on dollar valuation of project contracts to be awarded will decline 4 per cent next year from this year's expected total of \$9940 million in the 37 states east of the Rockies, says F. W. Dodge Corp.

An analysis by Thomas S. Holden, president, and Clyde Shute, assistant vice president, attributes part of the anticipated dollar-volume decline to an expected average 4 per cent drop in square-foot costs of buildings. The remainder will be caused by an estimated 3 per cent decline in physical volume.

A drop of 10 per cent in privately owned building and engineering works is anticipated, as is an 8 per cent increase in publicly owned building and construction.

Construction activity during October was off only 2 per cent, a less than seasonal decline from the September peak level, says the U. S. Department of Commerce. Further expansion of work on new housing, schools and hospitals largely offset

small seasonal declines in most other types of new construction. Total value of new construction put in place last month was \$1856 million compared with \$1892 million in September and \$1814 million for October, 1948.

By the end of last month, total value of all new construction put in place this year amounted to \$15,800 million, \$200 million or 1 per cent more than the total for the same 1948 period. The total for private construction was 6 per cent lower this year, but public construction was up by 26 per cent.

Hanford Project Expands

The Hanford, Wash., works of the Atomic Energy Commission will soon begin the second phase of its \$400 million postwar expansion program.

Since 1947, \$230 million has been spent to produce a plutonium fabrication plant designed on a mass production basis. Plutonium is a major ingredient of the atom bomb. In June such a plant was put into operation. The second stage of the program is to take two years to complete, designed to step up production and bring about economies in operation. About \$65 million will be spent on construction alone during this fiscal year which ends next June 30.

Hanford is a 620-square mile reservation along the Columbia river in southeastern Washington. It has not been in operation seven years; during the war it was run by the Manhattan District and E. I. du Pont Nemours & Co. General Electric took over Sept. 1, 1946, under a contract expiring Dec. 31, 1950. About \$350 million was spent on the project during the war.

Price Index Overhauled

THE GOVERNMENT is overhauling its monthly consumers' price (cost-of-living) index to bring it more up to date.

Bureau of Labor Statistics is starting a new series of surveys designed to make the index "a more useful survey" of retail prices throughout the country. The whole job is expected to take about three years and cost between \$4 and \$5 million.

Officials said the new consumer price index will not invalidate industrial wage and price contracts which are tied to the index figure. "Continuity of the index which tends back before World War I will not be broken and, therefore, will remain legally sound for the purpose of existing contracts." A number of firms have tied labor and other contracts to the index as a hedge against fluctuating prices and cost of living.

Where the Steel Went

Automotive industry increases its lead as top consumer, construction is second

RECORD PRODUCTION of automobiles and protective buying of steel in preparation for the steel strike resulted in the automotive industry's taking 21.1 per cent of all finished steel shipped from mills in August.

That figure, highest for the year to date point, was recorded after the percentage take of the auto industry increased each month this year as it took up the slack resulting from reduced consumption by others.

No. 1 Consumer—The auto industry's August receipts of 21.1 per cent represented 1,040,572 net tons, and put the automakers in first place as steel consumer, figures from the American Iron & Steel Institute show. While the August percentage was the highest for the year the August tonnage was slightly less than the year's high in March when the auto industry's take of 17.2 per cent was 1,030,641 tons. The difference lies in the fact that total mill shipments in March were at the year's high of 6,331,681 tons compared with 4,918,314 tons in August.

Construction Is Second—Relative position of importance as consumers in August was unchanged from that of July; the automotive industry was first; construction and maintenance second; containers third; and rail transportation fourth. The first two increased their take in August, but the last two cut theirs.

How Decreases—Consuming classifications, in addition to containers and rail transportation, showing decreases in August from July include shipbuilding, oil and gas drilling, and finance.

Besides the automotive and construction industries, consuming groups that took more finished steel in August than in July include bolts, nuts, rivets and screws; contractors' products; aircraft; agricultural; machinery, industrial equipment and tools; electrical machinery and equipment; appliances, utensils and cutlery; and other equipment.

Jobbers, dealers and distributors received 835,922 tons in August, compared with 787,741 tons in July.

Exports of finished steel by mills reached 384,444 tons in August, higher for the year. The July figure had been 337,649 tons.

Export Controls Changed

The U. S. will control more closely the destination of American strategic products shipped to foreign nations.

The Commerce Department is placing additional export controls on about 100 strategic items. Controls on exports of another 50 classifications are lifted. Other changes are due.

Among products covered by new destination controls are refined industrial lubricating oils, crude asbestos and fibers, electrical generators, transmission and distribution apparatus, large electrical motors, mining and quarrying machinery, petroleum field and refining equipment, special types of puncture-seal tires, unmanufactured mica, some copper and bronze manufactures, x-ray apparatus and some types of machine tools and parts.

Commodities decontrolled include industrial conversion oil burners and oil-fired boilers, bauxite ores, platinum ore, portable electric tools, ophthalmic glass, glass fiber and products, pottery, refractories, certain abrasives, some asbestos products and several types of electric apparatus.

Too Much Government

EXPANDING scope of government control over private enterprise is contributing to the pervading pessimism as to the economic future. So says Harold G. Moulton, president, Brookings Institution, who spoke be-

fore the conference on production of the American Management Association in Chicago last week.

Government intervention in economic life, he says, is directed in large part toward prevention of business depressions "but it also embodies the conception that the government can promote a long-term economic development and achieve our national goals far better than can a system of private enterprise."

That concept, he says, found expression this year in the Spence Bill, vesting in the president "the power to formulate national production requirements in line with his conceptions as to which is necessary for the people's welfare."

Some Chicago Rail Rates Cut

RAIL freight rates on shipments of iron and steel products originating in the Chicago switching district, which includes Gary, and destined for Peoria, East Moline, Moline, Rock Island, Davenport and Bettendorf were reduced effective Nov. 7.

New rate, based on minimum quantity of 80,000 pounds, is 25 cents per 100 pounds to these cities. Rate previously in effect was 32 cents to Peoria and 33 cents to the others, minimum poundage being 40,000.

October Ingot Output Falls to 17-Year Low

STEEL production in October fell to the lowest volume for any month since July, 1932, says American Iron & Steel Institute. Output of ingots and steel for castings was 916,696 net tons, compared with 6,951,908 tons in September and 7,996,895 tons in October, 1948. The report for the latest month is subject to revision.

The reason that October's output was below any month in the 1946 general steel strike is that the 1949 stoppage began at the start of the month; in 1946 the strike began in mid-January and continued to mid-February. Thus the worst effects of

the earlier strike were divided between two months. Total loss to production was 7,789,000 tons in 1946.

Current strike loss is expected to be about 10.5 million tons. October steelmaking tonnage is normally at the high point for the year. Last year more steel was produced in October than in any other month.

Assuming production of about 3 million tons in November and December operations at prestrike levels, steel output for 1949 should be about 75 million tons. This would mean a drop of more than 13 million tons from the 1948 total.

Steel Ingot Production Statistics

	Estimated Production—All Companies								Number of week in mo.	
	Open Hearth		Bessemer		Electric		Total			
	Net tons	Per Cent of capac.	Net tons	Per Cent of capac.	Net tons	Per Cent of capac.	Net tons	Per Cent of capac.		
1948										
9 mos. . .	58,366,672	93.2	3,028,637	77.4	3,669,929	90.8	65,065,238	92.2	1,682,372	39.14
Oct.	7,120,753	100.5	409,657	92.5	466,485	102.0	7,996,895	100.1	1,805,168	4.43
Nov.	6,925,043	100.9	411,161	95.9	461,354	104.2	7,797,558	100.8	1,817,613	4.29
Dec.	6,927,689	98.0	393,717	89.1	459,373	100.7	7,780,779	97.7	1,760,357	4.42
Total . . .	79,340,157	94.9	4,243,172	81.2	5,057,141	93.7	88,940,470	94.1	1,695,495	52.28
1949										
1st half . .	41,254,823	98.0	2,372,458	92.1	2,298,064	75.8	45,925,345	96.3	1,775,236	25.87
July	5,307,471	73.8	300,236	68.2	171,415	33.1	5,779,122	70.9	1,307,944	4.42
*Aug. . . .	6,101,499	84.7	355,335	80.8	257,910	49.7	6,714,744	82.2	1,515,744	4.43
†Sept. . . .	5,993,951	86.1	350,356	82.2	247,601	49.3	6,591,908	83.5	1,540,165	4.28
†9 mos. . .	58,657,744	92.5	3,378,385	87.0	2,974,990	65.1	65,011,119	90.4	1,666,952	39.00
†Oct.	809,875	11.2	.....	...	106,821	20.6	916,696	11.2	206,929	4.43

* Revised. † Preliminary figures subject to revision.

For 1949, percentages of capacity operated are calculated on weekly capacities of 1,626,717 net tons open hearth, 99,559 net tons bessemer and 117,240 net tons electric ingots and steel for castings, total 1,843,516 net tons; based on annual capacities as of Jan. 1, 1949, as follows: Open hearth 84,817,040 net tons, bessemer 5,191,000 net tons, electric 6,112,890 net tons, total 96,120,930.

No Capitulation

FTC attorney says out-of-court settlement proposal in line with commission's aims

CHARGES that the Federal Trade Commission would do an about-face by accepting respondents' proposed settlement in the steel pricing case are unwarranted, says Lynn C. Paulson, commission's trial attorney in the steel case.

"The proposal of the steel industry," Mr. Paulson told STEEL, "represents acceptance of the settlement terms which I outlined to respondents 18 months ago, and which at that time they were unwilling to accept."

Assured on Freight Absorption—"All that the steel industry would get from the proposed settlement is assurance of its legal right to absorb freight when such freight absorption does not unlawfully lessen competition. The commission, notably in testifying before the Capehart Trade Policies Committee in late 1948, has held the position that there is nothing illegal about freight absorption per se, and the contemplated agreement with the steel industry merely would acknowledge in black and white the right to absorb freight."

Too, the proposed agreement is right in line with the aim of Senator O'Mahoney when he introduced legis-

lation to affirm the right to absorb freight.

"Otherwise the proposed settlement would not give anything to the steel industry. It would enjoin continued use of the basing-point, delivered-price system. It would make mandatory an f.o.b. mill price at each producing point, and sales at that price when consumers so requested. It would compel each producer to fix his own extras without reference to the rest of the industry. It would outlaw use of the American Iron & Steel Institute freight tariff book as an instrument in maintaining the basing-point, delivered-price system."

No Retreat—"Certainly the proposed settlement, if granted by the commission, would represent no capitulation by the Federal Trade Commission."

No date yet has been set for Mr. Paulson's presentation of the proposed settlement for the approval of the commissioners.

Agreement Hit by Farm Head

Investigation of the Federal Trade Commission and the proposed agreement between FTC attorneys and steel companies concerning pricing practices is being asked by James G. Patton, president of the National Farmers Union.

In a long letter to Chairman Wright Patman (Dem., Tex.) of the House

small business committee, the farm group leader assails the proposed out-of-court settlement. He asks Representative Patman to "use to the utmost your great influence to bring about disapproval of this order."

Steel Exports, Imports Gain

BOTH exports and imports of iron and steel showed gains in August from July figures. Commerce Department's totals show a rise in exports to 463,770 tons from 460,979 tons and imports to 6437 tons from 2214 tons.

Sheets and plates exports rose about 10,000 tons and structural shapes 4000 tons in August. The gains were more than enough to counterbalance declines in several other categories. Scrap exports dropped sharply in August to 29,111 tons from 187,511 tons in July.

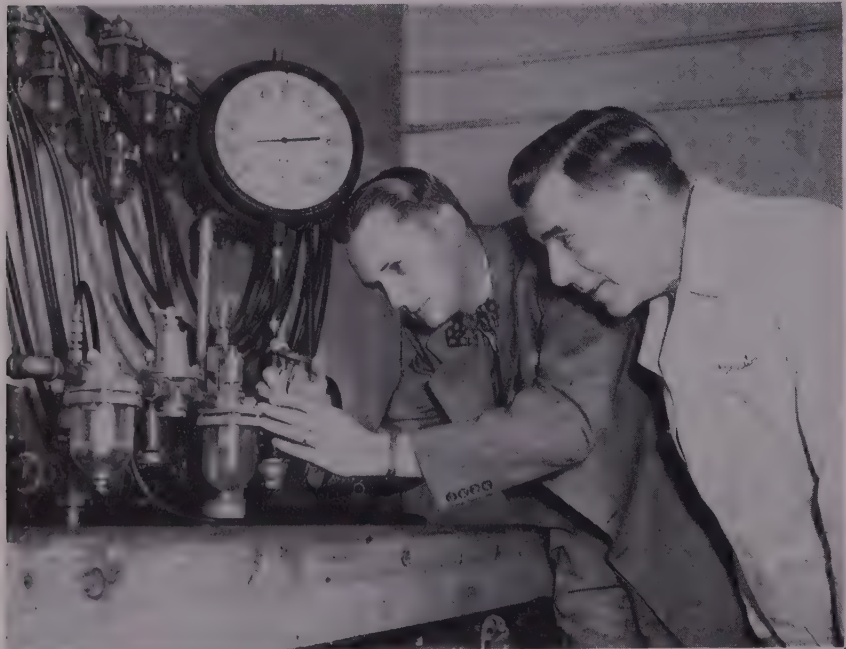
Reason for the rise in imports during August was the receipt of 50,200 tons of ingots. Changes in other categories were slight with no other group accounting for as much as 10,000 tons. Scrap imports continued to fall in August and declined to 43,207 tons from 52,359 tons a month earlier. Availability of domestic scrap at lower prices in the United States have been responsible for a steady decline in scrap imports since the first of the year.

July and August exports by principal categories were:

	(Net Tons)	July	Aug.
Semifinished	59,200	59,200	59,200
Iron and steel bars	47,182	47,182	47,182
Sheet and plates	175,522	175,522	175,522
Structural shapes	35,453	35,453	35,453
Railroad supplies	21,477	21,477	21,477
Tubes, pipe, fittings	85,492	85,492	85,492
Wire products	32,684	32,684	32,684
Nails, other fasteners	3,969	3,969	3,969
Total	460,979	463,770	463,770
Pig iron, ferroalloys	3,111	3,111	3,111
Scrap	187,511	29,111	29,111

Commerce Department's breakdown of imports for July and August is:

	(Net Tons)	July	Aug.
Ingots, etc.	50,200	50,200	50,200
Wire rods	65	65	65
Iron bars, slabs	12	12	12
Reinforcing bars	200	200	200
Hollow bar, drill steel .....	...	...	...
Other bars	65	65	65
Boiler, other plate	322	322	322
Sheets, etc.	27	27	27
Tin plate, etc.	1	1	1
Other hoops, bands	23	23	23
Structurals, pilings	834	834	834
Rails, fastenings	66	66	66
Wheels, axles	2	2	2
Pipe, tubes	240	240	240
Flat wire, strip	140	140	140
Telegraph wire	74	74	74
Wire rope	96	96	96
Nails, etc.	24	24	24
Bolts, nuts, rivets	6	6	6
Castings, forgings	7	7	7
Die blocks, blanks	5	5	5
Total	2,214	6,437	6,437
Pig iron .....	...	...	...
Sponge iron .....	...	...	...
Ferromanganese	133	133	133
Ferrosilicon	29	29	29
Ferchromium	195	195	195
Scrap	52,359	43,207	43,207



ENGLISH MANUFACTURER VISITS NORRGREN: C. Neil Norgren, assistant general manager of C. A. Norgren Co., Denver, shows W. A. Horswill results of a lubricator test in the Norgren engineering laboratory. Mr. Horswill, director of Shipston Engineering Co. Ltd., England, completed a two-week visit at the lubricator-filter-regulator firm

Tools Grow Older

Obsolescence more costly than strikes, Tell Berna tells Tool Engineers

Loss of industrial production due to steel and coal strikes is far less than the nation's loss of potential production due to the obsolescence of machine tool equipment. Tell Berna, general manager, National Machine Tool Builders' Association, used this comparison to illustrate his point while speaking to the Boston chapter of the American Society of Tool Engineers in Boston Nov. 10.

Tell Berna explained that 43 per cent of machine tools now in use are 10 years old or older and 95 per cent are over ten years old in design. "The American industry is still operating largely with machine tools of war vintage, the models of which were common in 1940," he said. "The machine tools average one-third less in productivity than the new models displaced by the industry at the Machine Tool Show in Chicago two years ago. Delay in replacing old machines with modern equipment that turns out more work for the consumer's dollar is a costly perpetuation of inefficiency. Too many men in management believe that because a machine is in good running order it is still good machine."

The cost at which the machine does out the work is what counts, he said. To achieve our goal of better tools for more people at lower cost, tools must be re-equipped with machines that make this lower cost possible. He concluded by reminding the engineers that "the tools of tomorrow will never raise the living standard of tomorrow."

Apprentice Manual Available

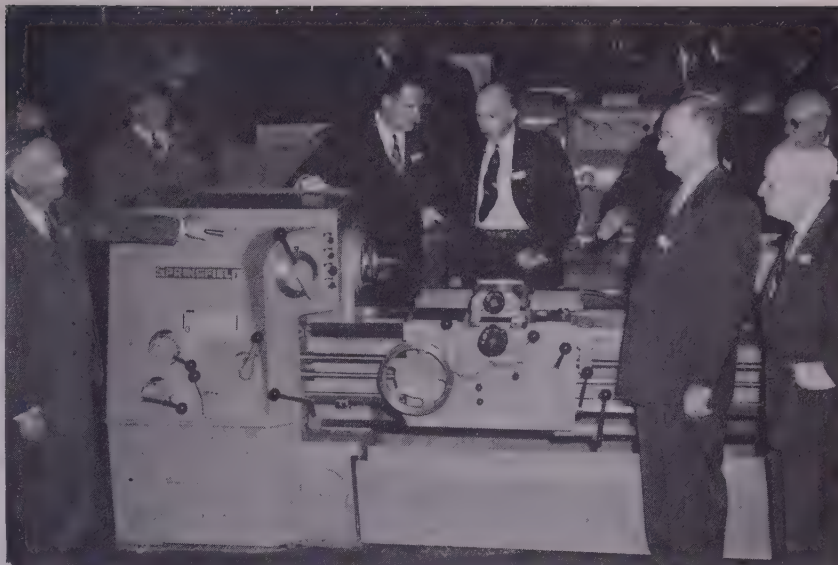
Working manual for setting up and instructing an apprentice training course is being made available to all industry by National Machine Tool Builders' Association, Cleveland.

It specifies in detail the nature of the work to be done by the apprentice and contains samples of forms required, including the application for apprenticeship, the apprenticeship agreement and work records required.

J. D. McDonald, vice president, Warner & Swasey Co., and president of the association, points out the book is designed to help companies setting up a full apprenticeship course and not to be used in connection with short-term training courses.

\$5.5 Million for Machinery

Machinery and equipment accounts for nearly one-third of the dollar vol-



HOST AT ANNIVERSARY: Paul A. Montanus (left), president, Springfield Machine Tool Co., Springfield, O., listens as son Richard (hand on headstock) explains new model engine lathe to Guy Hubbard, machine tool editor of STEEL. Among 60 machinery men and editors participating in the Springfield Co.'s 25th anniversary celebration of the founding of the American Machine Tool Distributors' Association were R. W. Tornquist, president, Tornquist Machine Co., Los Angeles, and Al G. Bryant (right), past president of distributors' and builders' associations

ume of Marshall Plan spending approvals that were announced during the week ended Nov. 5.

Out of total approvals of \$17.6 million, \$5.6 million covers authorizations for purchase of machinery and equipment. Latest approvals bring total for Europe to \$7087 million.

Included in the commodities approved for purchase for Europe are: Railroad transportation equipment, agricultural equipment, motor vehicles and parts, iron and steel mill materials and industrial machinery. Authorizations by countries are: Austria, \$52,000 for agricultural equipment; Benelux, \$1.4 million for metal-working machinery; France, \$1.7 million for construction and mining equipment, industrial machinery, generators and motors, engines and turbines and electrical apparatus; Iceland, \$225,000 for agricultural equipment, construction and mining equipment, engines and turbines, electrical apparatus and industrial machinery; Ireland, \$500,000 for industrial machinery; Norway, \$2.5 million for tractors, industrial machinery, construction and mining equipment and generators and motors; Turkey, \$72,000 for construction and mining equipment and electrical apparatus.

Lone Star To Build Pipe Plant

LONE Star Steel Co. will build a \$1 million cast iron pressure pipe

plant at its Lone Star, Tex., facilities.

The proposed pipe plant, to be completed in six to eight months, will provide an outlet for much of Lone Star's pig iron production and will supply an expanding market for such pipe in Texas. No cast iron pressure pipe is now being produced in the state. The proposed plant will not compete with stack or soil pipe being turned out by Texas foundries. The pipe plant will become part of the foundry facilities of Lone Star's new steel mill, plans for which are being completed.

Sponge Iron Reduction

EXPERIMENTAL testing of most efficient method for sponge iron briquet reduction is being conducted in a small open hearth (17 by 30 inches) by Steel Processing Co., Pittsburgh, Ft. Pitt Bridge Works subsidiary. N. J. Urquhart, conducting the experiments, says he is using a mixture of 2 per cent oxygen and oil and is getting a substantial reduction in melting time. He cites, for example, that a 60-pound charge has been melted down in 17.6 minutes with a 12 per cent reduction in use of oxygen and oil. Oxygen is introduced in the middle of oil flow to achieve long luminous flames instead of normal oxidizing. The small open hearth uses neither regenerator nor recuperator.

One consolidated appropriation bill is to cover federal spending next year. If plan works, fiscal 1951 appropriations will be gaged by Treasury estimate of income

IF YOU object to this year's big increase in federal spending—and you probably do—it will pay to look up your congressman now that he is home and in a mood to hear you.

There is a special reason right now for letting him know how you feel about the soaring cost of government: Congress for the first time, in the session immediately ahead, will know what it is doing about appropriations. If the members of Congress next year again vote expenditures up another notch they will do it on their own responsibility. They will not be able to blame it on the administration.

Next year, instead of the customary multiplicity of appropriation bills, one consolidated general appropriation measure is supposed to cover everything except deficiencies and supplementals. Under the new method there shouldn't be groans of anguished surprise like those heard when congressmen discovered at the end of this year's session that they had put the country much farther in the red. If the new system works as is promised, a reverse process will be employed next year. The starting point will be a Treasury estimate of federal income during fiscal 1951. The consolidated appropriation is to be gaged by that benchmark.

The appropriation for fiscal 1951 also is to be set up on a performance basis; this means a definite amount of money for each individual program, activity or project. Congressmen will know exactly what they are voting for each item—a marked contrast with the past when they often learned at a later date that money they appropriated was not spent as they had intended.

Under the new system perfect results cannot be expected; the business of the United States government is too vast and complicated. But the system will permit a more businesslike approach than has been possible before. Though the consolidated appropriation bill—drafted on an individual performance basis—will be about the size of a big-city telephone directory, everything will be in it—right down to the total. There should be no occasion for surprise or chagrin if congressmen find at the end of the next session that they again have voted for a deficit. If they do,

the vote will be conscious and deliberate. Blame or credit for whatever is done will devolve squarely upon Congress.

You will do well to discuss this matter of spending with your congressman, for he will find himself again under strong pressure to vote large new spending programs next year. Among measures to be pushed is the huge soldiers' bonus bill, the federal aid to education bill, the cooperative housing bill, and the national health bill. The social security expansion bill which passed the House is due for Senate action.

If you favor economy and balancing of the budget and some slight reduction in the national debt, it certainly will help to so inform your congressman. It should help build up his morale so that he can better resist new spending demands next year.

Fiscal Pictures Looks Bad

FISCAL PICTURE of the year ending next June 30 is the worst in peacetime history, and it is not yet generally recognized.

Most informed observers estimate

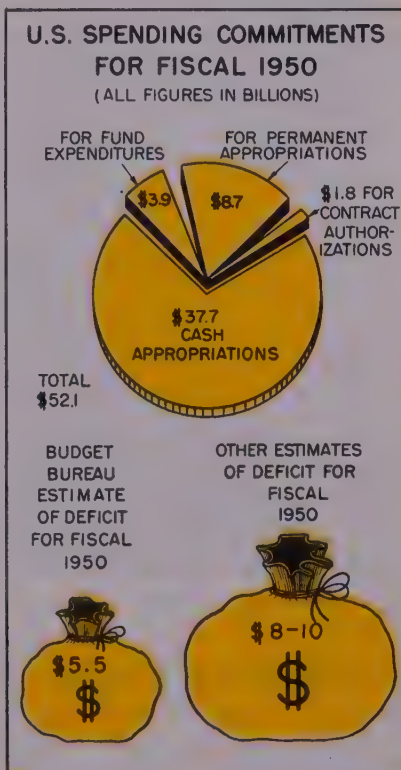
that the deficit this year will be \$8 to \$10 billion. One government economist in a particularly good position to judge—puts it at \$10 billion "or more." The reason is twofold: Higher expenditures and reduced federal income.

Unfortunately, people are led to believe that the cost of government represented by cash appropriations voted by Congress each year. On this basis, cost of government in this fiscal year would come to \$37.7 billion. But that does not include expenditures which will be made under permanent indefinite appropriations such items as interest on the national debt, tax refunds and similar requirements. It does not include expenditures from the social security, railroad retirement and employment insurance funds while they are supposed to be drawn from "funds," actually require spending, by the Treasury. And it does not include contract authorizations against which payments are made mostly in subsequent years.

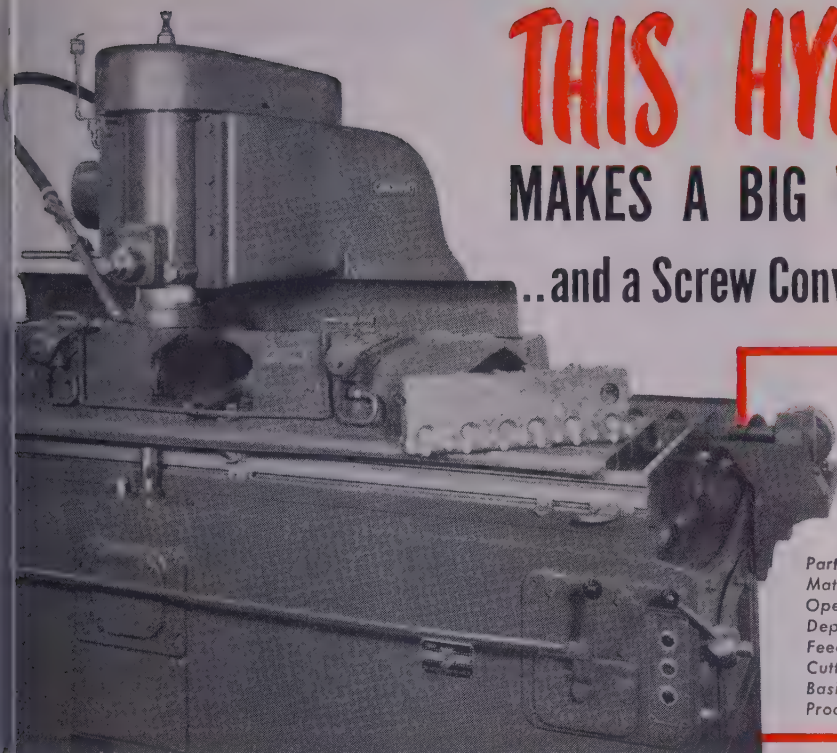
So, instead of \$37.7 billion, spending commitments that had been authorized when Congress adjourned came to \$57.1 billion. They include \$37.7 billion for cash appropriations, \$8.7 billion for permanent indefinite appropriations, \$3.9 billion in expenditures from funds, and \$6.8 billion in contract authorizations. You deduct \$5 billion from the contract authorizations as payable in subsequent years, that means actual expenditures of \$52.1 billion in fiscal 1950.

Unfortunately, there is no means of estimating accurately the deficit that will turn up next June 30 because there is no accurate information about federal income in the period. The only certainty is that it will be lower because of lower collections from reduced corporate and individual earnings in calendar 1949. Another reason why federal income cannot be estimated accurately is the kind of bookkeeping tabulations the government releases to the public: You have to be well fortified with other information in order to reach any sound conclusions. Take the Bureau of Budget Nov. 1 estimate of \$38 billion in budget receipts for this fiscal year. STEEL learns that while this total included tax collections under the railroad retirement setup, it did not include social security and unemployment insurance tax collections.

Chief significance of the November statement of the Bureau of



THIS HYDROMATIC MAKES A BIG VOLUME OF CHIPS ..and a Screw Conveyor Takes Them Away



Left: CINCINNATI Hydromatic Milling Machine equipped with vertical retractable spindle, two air operated fixtures, and screw conveyor chip disposal for a high speed carbide milling operation. One of the parts is in the foreground, on the machine table.

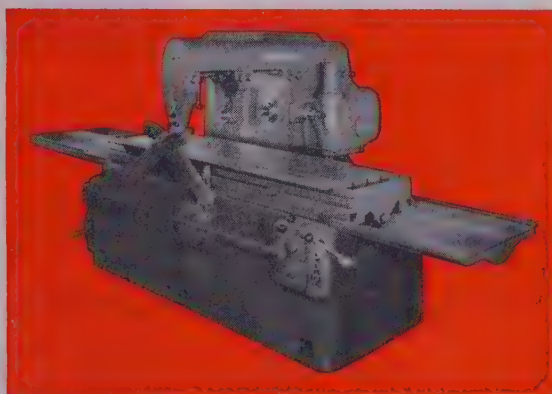
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Material Aluminum
Operation Mill bosses
Depth of cut..... $\frac{3}{16}$ "
Feed..... .60" per minute
Cutting speed..... 2500 feet per minute
Basic machine.... No. 56-72 Plain Hydromatic
Production..... .76 per hour

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Budget is seen in the estimate that the deficit as of next June 30 will be \$5.5 billion. In January the budget estimate of this deficit was \$900 million. Thus the administration is tacitly willing to admit that there has been a drastic worsening in the nation's fiscal position. Even so, the \$5.5 billion estimate is regarded as definitely on the low side.

Four Spot Assistance Areas

FOUR NEW areas have been added to the list of distressed communities that can receive aid under the President's spot assistance program.

They are Altoona, Pa., Johnstown, Pa., L'Anse, Mich., and Honolulu, T. H. All have unemployment of 12 per cent or more. At the same time five areas—Jackson and Port Huron, Mich., the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, Manchester, N. H., and Burlington, Vt., have been deleted from the list. Thirty-four areas remain.

Under a decision reached as a result of the steel strike, no communities will be entitled to help because of idleness of men engaged in strikes against their employers.

More Telephones, More Business

LONG-TERM beneficial effect on business is expected to result from expansion of rural telephone service authorized by the new amendment to the Rural Electrification Act.

It is an axiom that installation of phones expedites the transaction of business and brings about a greater volume of business than otherwise would be placed. Up to this time about 40 per cent of farms have telephone service; this figure should be materially increased over the next few years as a result of federal aid. The amendment permits the Rural Electrification Administration to loan \$25 million this fiscal year to private companies and co-operatives for expanded farm telephone service.

"New" White House Costly

STRUCTURAL STEEL required to renovate the White House may set a new high record for cost per ton installed.

About 500 tons of shapes and 80 tons of reinforcing bars and mesh will be needed. The job will be the reverse of the usual procedure: The building already has been erected and the steel now must be placed. That means extensive tailoring to fit unusual conditions. Designs have not yet been completed by the Public Buildings Administration. Cost of the work is \$4,160,000—recently estimated by Congress.

Contractor for doing the work on a fixed-fee basis is John McShain Inc., Philadelphia, with a figure of \$100,000. The McShain firm agreed to complete the project in 660 days after getting started. The whole undertaking is in charge of a Commission on Renovation of the Executive Mansion headed by Sen. Kenneth McKellar (Dem., Tenn.). Maj. Gen. Glenn Edgerton, who has headquarters in the White House, is the commission's executive director.

New Army Chief of Ordnance

BRIG. GEN. Elbert L. Ford has been sworn in as Army Chief of Ordnance with the rank of major general. He succeeded Maj. Gen. Everett S. Hughes who retired after



MAJ. GEN. ELBERT L. FORD

31 years with the Army. General Ford had been commanding general at Aberdeen Arsenal since July, 1948. A graduate of West Point, his major experience with the Army, has been with ordnance.

Export Clinics To Help Business

LATEST MOVE by the Economic Administration in its program to help small business get more orders under the Marshall Plan is organization of "export clinics" in about 500 cities.

These will be sponsored by chambers of commerce and other local-interest organizations and conducted by export specialists and other business executives who volunteer their services. The setup will permit small business to get full information about Marshall Plan opportunities without

leaving their home towns. Under fast-moving schedule, most of proposed export clinics should be established within a few weeks.

The plan is workable. Little Rock, Ark., Worcester, Mass., and Milwaukee were test cities where the proposal was received enthusiastically. Many local export specialists and business executives volunteered to serve as "counselors" in the clinics. High caliber men head the local groups: The organization at Little Rock is presided over by William M. Sheperd, director of industrial development, Arkansas Power & Light Co.; that at Worcester by William H. Lee, chairman of the Foreign Trade Council of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce; and that at Milwaukee by Dr. Roy J. Colburn, director of the Bureau of Community Development of the University of Wisconsin.

The new field counseling organization is being created under Bert White, head of ECA's Office of Small Business. His headquarters are at 800 Connecticut Ave. N. W., Washington 25. Aides who are doing actual work of establishing the "export clinics" are William Haines, acting deputy assistant to Mr. White, and C. A. Richards, export consultant, and John Dechant, in charge of field counseling.

Small Business Assist

To further small U. S. firms getting business under the Marshall Plan, ECA will publish lists of bona fide importers in each of participating countries.

The first list, with names and addresses of Austrian importers, has been completed and will be ready for distribution shortly. In all of the importers will be listed to show the commodities in which they specialize. You can get the lists at field offices of the Department of Commerce, through local chambers of commerce, and from ECA.

Big Business Shackles No Help

"I am sure you will discover that forging more chains on big business does not liberate small business," a Celler subcommittee, House Judiciary Committee, was told by a representative Cleveland business man during monopoly hearings.

He is W. W. Vandevor, former president of the Allied Oil Co., recently merged with the Ashland Oil & Refining Co. It was not a petition but the prospect of having to pay \$4 million in taxes on the death of the owners that necessitated the sale of the company. Mr. Vandevor urged revision of tax laws to allow small companies to build adequate cash reserves.

Europe's Deadline: Economic Unity in 1950

Hoffman and Acheson warn that Marshall Plan aid may stop if economic unification is not begun next year. European reaction is lukewarm to icy

WESTERN Europe has a new deadline. The United States, in effect, is saying: Either unite economically or expect new Marshall Plan help to stop in 1950.

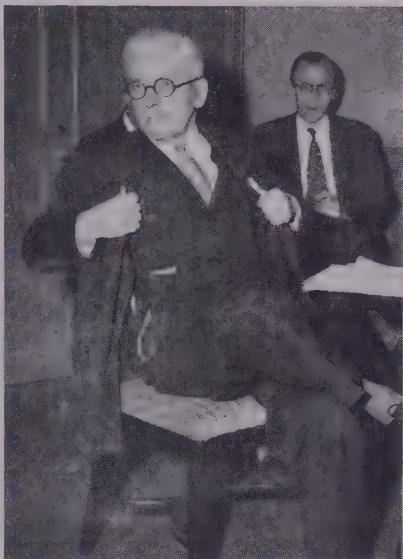
Economic Administrator Paul G. Hoffman and Secretary of State Dean Acheson are urging economic union and political union eventually. Mr. Hoffman warns Europe to "have it done early in 1950 a record of accomplishment and a program which will take Europe well along the road toward economic integration." The advantages of economic union can be readily seen in the United States, Canada and Australia, where the Organization for European Economic Co-operation was told at its first meeting.

Free Market Aids Prosperity—"In the U. S. a single free market of 150 million consumers has been indispensable to American prosperity," says Mr. Hoffman. "The creation of a permanent, free trading area in Europe would accelerate the development of large-scale, low-cost production industries, would make the effective use of all resources easier, and set in motion a rapid growth in productivity." Western Europe's population is 270 million.

European reaction is lukewarm to icy. The Benelux nations favor expansion of the idea of their moderate economic union. This group is already plagued by the specter of overproduction. Benelux exports are sinking because of high tariffs, currency complexities and barter trade. Britain says it cannot join in an all-European free trading area because it could disrupt her arrangements with countries in the British Commonwealth.

Too Much Steel—Europe's steel industries, in defiance of economic conditions, are overexpanding because of political motives, says the Economic Committee of the European Commission for Europe. Already basic steel production is more than adequate.

Finished steel output will be in surplus when facilities now under construction begin operations. Despite this Britain is building a basic steel plant in Wales. Every European nation is planning, building or has built finishing facilities. German steelmen are particularly critical of the way uneconomic steel ca-



INDUSTRIAL AMBASSADOR: Sir Steven Bilsland, chairman of the Scottish Council and one of Scotland's leading businessmen, came to the U.S. to encourage firms to set up branches and factories in Scotland, fast becoming Britain's power center. He says several American companies have already agreed to set up factories in his country

capacity is rising behind the protection of national boundaries.

U. K. Output at Full Tilt

The United Kingdom is the only nation in Western Europe whose steel producers are still going full tilt. Reason: Commonwealth areas, sewed up in the British contract pocket, are still short of steel.

Full production is assured until the end of the year in all categories of steelmaking. Orders now on the books for sheets and plate guarantee capacity operations until well into 1950 for facilities making these products. Automakers are taking most of the sheet, shipbuilders most of the plate. When shipbuilding declines—signs indicate it will sometime early next year—the slack in demand for plate will be taken up by producers of power plant equipment whose order backlog is large. As of Sept. 30 shipbuilders in 1949 had built or were building vessels with an aggregate tonnage of 2,095,217 tons.

Latest expansion program in Brit-

ish steel is a \$1.4 million maintenance and engineering plant at Machynis, Llanelli, South Wales. This is a co-operative project, designed to centralize repair facilities for all the South Wales steel industry.

Exports of steel and steel products are running ahead of target figures, account for nearly half of all British shipments overseas. One phase of the latest economy program is the offer of financial help to exporters to cover risks incurred in promoting business in hard currency countries, particularly the U. S. The rest of the government's \$700 million economy program is getting an apathetic reception from business.

Minimum export prices per gross ton on a few steel products are: Merchant bars under 3 in., \$73.08; merchant bars 3 in. and over, \$66.92; beams, \$65.12; plates $\frac{3}{4}$ in. and over, \$66.22; boiler plates, \$72.82.

French Production Slips

French steel production is slipping. For September it dropped to 94 per cent of the scheduled output for the present year, against 105 per cent in May and 99 per cent in June.

A second battery of 30 coke ovens is being constructed at the Hagondange plant in northeastern France. At the Isbergues works of Societe de Chatillon-Commentry & Neuves-Maisons, construction is proceeding on a new mill to produce auto sheets. This addition will double the plant's present capacity. The last of six blast furnaces at the Roehling works in the Saar have been blown in.

Big Australian Power Plan

The largest public works project in Australian history was begun Oct. 17 near Cooma, New South Wales. It's a hydroelectric program to harness the snow-fed waters of the Mt. Kosciuszko region. It will generate 1,720,000 kw, nearly as much as all the power stations in Australia can produce today. First power will be available within a decade, water for irrigation much sooner. To aid all power consuming companies in Australia, the project will particularly help the country's infant aluminum industry.

First part of the power plant will be built on the Tamut river, will provide at least 720,000 kw, will cost \$173,250,000. The entire project, including transmission lines, will cost about \$450 million.

Belux Cuts Export Prices

The Belgo-Luxemburg union has cut its export steel prices about 12 per cent to meet competition and realign its prices following devalua-

They limped to over 300,000 tons in September, but this is the second lowest total for the year. August shipments were worse. The outlook is gloomy because Britain is paring its imports of ingots from Belgium. These averaged some 70,000 tons per month during the first eight months.

Only 34 blast furnaces are in operation in Belgium. The Rodange works, largest in Luxemburg, have nearly stopped operations although modernization of the rolling mills is continuing. The September output of steel ingots and castings in Belgium increased from 295,000 tons in August to 301,000 tons, but decreased again to 292,000 tons in October. Production in the past three months was the lowest since June, 1948.

An industrial project to provide machinery and equipment for RIV Officine di Villar Perosa, an Italian producer of antifriction bearings and other goods, now has ECA approval.

Old equipment will be replaced and production costs reduced under the project which calls for \$1,352,000 in ECA funds. Installation expenses of \$648,000 will be met by the company.

An Italian shipbuilding program of 49 ships aggregating 220,000 gross tons will get under way following an ECA grant of \$60 million to Italy. The money will be used to finance the Mar. 8 Italian subsidy law.

The capacity of refinery at Porto Marghera near Venice will be more than doubled under an expansion project. Estimated cost of enlarging and modernizing the facilities of Societe Raffinazione Olii Minerali is \$6.4 million, including \$2 million in ECA funds. The remainder will be provided by the company.

SYMPOSIUM on the production of nodular Meehanite castings which included a complete analysis of the material, methods and procedures and the study of future sales potential occupied the spotlight at the 24th annual meeting of Meehanite Metal Institute in Cleveland Nov. 2-5. More than 150 foundry representatives of over 35 companies heard 31 papers presented covering all phases of foundry operations.

Oliver Smalley, president, Meehanite Metal Corp., New Rochelle, N. Y., was presented a gold medal plaque by the institute. He has guided his company for 25 years and has expanded its operations throughout Europe, Africa, South America and Australia.

Conventions, 2400 of them, draw more than 12 million visitors annually. Many sponsored by metalworking and allied industrial associations. Number doubles since 19

PACK your bag and confirm transportation space. You and some 240,000 other people may be attending one or more of about 60 metalworking conventions and shows to be held in the next 30 days.

An average of 4000 persons have or will convene at each of 720 meetings and exhibits in 1949 sponsored by metal product, transportation, public utility, petroleum, coal and gas associations. There will have been 2400 conventions and expositions backed by all types of industry organizations in 1949, with an average attendance of 5300 at each. These gatherings include both regional and national affairs.

More Meetings in 1950 — In 1950 there will be a few more metalworking conventions and shows than in 1949, but total attendance will slip to a shade below the 1949 record of around 2,880,000. The convention business is a depression business, says Edward C. Brennan, executive vice president of the Cleveland Convention & Visitors' Bureau. There are always more meetings when industry needs more sales.

The number of metalworking conventions and exhibits has increased rapidly since the war. This chart shows why: There are more than

of industry associations, hold 30 per cent of all major business meetings. Trade associations attract 15 per cent to 20 per cent of the total attendance.

Lists 3805 Groups—Department of Commerce, Trade Association Division, lists 3805 associations. This includes the industry categories, business bureau, chambers of commerce, fraternal, religious and veterans groups and labor unions. It is told, these groups hold 1000 meetings a month. Meetings of fraternal, religious and veterans associations have fallen the most sharply because of rising costs.

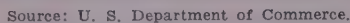
Chief convention cities include Philadelphia, Atlantic City, N. New York, Cleveland, Chicago and St. Louis because these municipalities have the largest hotel and meeting facilities. Cleveland is host to 50 conventions a year, more than any other city in metalworking. The International Association of Convention Bureaus says that the average delegate in principal cities is 10 days, that the delegate spends \$100 a day during his visit.

THE STEEL strike has spurred demand for reconditioned drums, says Morris Hershon, president of the National Barrel & Drum Association, which met in New York last week.

Drum container manufacturers curtailing production and putting toms on a quota basis. Reconditioned drums, which sell for 25 cent less than new ones, are at a premium. The situation will be far more serious if the war not accustomed industry to use containers. Mr. Hershon says hundreds of plants have been equipped to recondition drums today.

PLANS for nationwide promotional program to consolidate its gains further expand its markets is announced by the liquefied petroleum gas industry, newest branch of oil industry. Directing the campaign is the National Committee for Gas Promotion, which organized week in Chicago.

John C. Pankow, sales director of Detroit-Michigan Stove Co., is chairman of the group and M. L. Trotter, president of the Detroit-Michigan Stove Co., is chairman of the group.



twice as many metalworking trade groups now than in 1941.

The 790 metalworking associations account for 36 per cent of all types

Carolina Butane Gas Co., Columbus, S. C., vice chairman. Robert E. Helen, Chicago, is secretary.

embracing advertising, publicity, employee training and special public relations, the program will be financed by voluntary contributions. It is sponsored by Liquefied Petroleum Association, Natural Gasoline Association of America and Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association.

Industry Can Cut Costs 33 Ways

INDUSTRY can cut costs in 33 major ways. This is disclosed in a survey of 15 companies by Walter Mitchell, research director of the Consumership Foundation, research arm of the Controller's Institute of America. Possibilities of reducing costs fall into four categories: Inventory reduction and subsequent control, reduction of production costs, cutting administrative overhead, expanding sales. Industries represented in the survey include automotive, oil equipment, machinery, farm equipment, rubber manufacturing, petroleum refining, paints and plastics. Suggestions for reducing inventory costs include recommendations for more and better uses of economic forecasting and market research, concentration of stocks in distributors' hands and prevention of damage and pilferage.

To reduce production costs, the survey finds the most popular methods are: Scrap loss control, budget control, incentive plans, increased production, product simplification, cost standardization, plant mechanization, more materials handling. Administrative overhead may be reduced by better use of personnel and improvements in accounting procedures. To increase sales, companies surveyed have expanded their sales forces, increased their advertising, opened new outlets, expanded market research.

E Slates Policy Projects

STUDIES on how to increase the flow of funds into equity capital, and how to help world economic reconstruction are scheduled by Committee for Economic Development as two of six projects on which it will issue policy statements in 1950.

Union B. Folsom, treasurer of Kodak Co. and new chairman of CED's research and policy committee, and Beardsley Ruml, vice chairman of the committee, report the other four subjects are: Freedom of international security, how to raise savings, tax and expenditure policy of the federal government, agricultural policy.

Diemakers Hopeful

Competitive conditions bringing return of annual models, necessitating more retooling

RETURN to strong competitive conditions among makers of mass produced products means a higher business volume for tool and die makers.

More regular model changes in consumer goods and increased need for greater efficiency in production equipment spell optimism to members of the National Tool & Die Manufacturers Association who met in New York for their annual convention. The members of the association make special tools, dies, fixtures, molds, gages, jigs and special machinery.

Shipments \$271 Million—The industry as an arm of the U. S. mass production economy shipped \$271 million worth of products in 1947, said Centre W. Holmberg, president of August W. Holmberg & Co. Inc. of New



CENTRE W. HOLMBERG

York and new NTDMA president. He quoted Census of Manufacturers figures. The association's Directory of Special Tooling Services lists the products of 750 tool and die shops.

Among the convention speakers was E. Slater, Slater & Crabtree Ltd., Wakefield, England, a member of the British Tool & Gagemakers Association. "American tool and die shops are 20 years ahead of comparable British shops," he said.

New Officers—In addition to Mr. Holmberg, officers for the coming year are: First vice president, Herbert F. Jahn, president of B. Jahn Mfg. Co., New Britain, Conn.; second vice president, R. H. Cope, manager of Bunell Machine & Tool Co., Cleveland; secretary, Alfred Reinke, president of Gus Reinke Machinery & Tool Co., Hillside, N. J.; treasurer, Herbert Harig, vice president and treasurer, Harig Mfg. Corp., Chicago. George S. Eaton is still executive secretary.

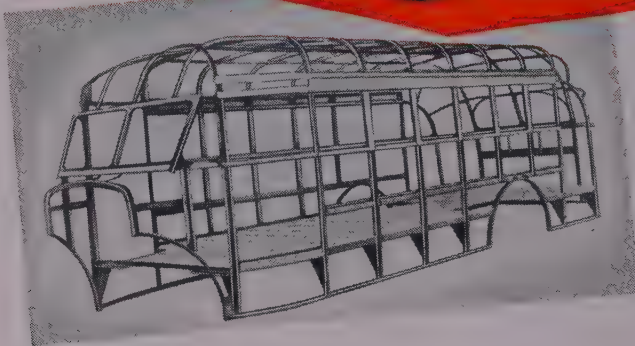
CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

- Nov. 14-18, Refrigeration Equipment Manufacturers Association: Sixth refrigeration and air conditioning exposition, at Atlantic City Auditorium, Atlantic City, N. J. Association headquarters are at 1346 Connecticut Ave. N. W., Washington.
- Nov. 15, American Supply & Machinery Manufacturers' Association and National Supply & Machinery Distributors' Association: Cosponsors of the second industrial distribution forum, Congress Hotel, Chicago. American's headquarters are at 1108 Clark Bldg., Pittsburgh.
- Nov. 16-17, United States Inter-American Council of Commerce & Production: Conference on the effect of currency devaluation on inter-American trade, at Mayflower Hotel, Washington. Council headquarters are at 1615 H. St. N.W., Washington.
- Nov. 16-18, Industrial Hygiene Foundation: 14th annual meeting, Mellon Institute, Pittsburgh.
- Nov. 17-18, Magnesium Association: Quarterly meeting, New York. Association headquarters are at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York.
- Nov. 25-26, American Foundrymen's Society: New York regional conference, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y. Society headquarters are at 222 W. Adams St., Chicago.
- Nov. 26, American Iron & Steel Institute: Regional technical meeting, Thomas Jefferson Hotel, Birmingham.
- Nov. 28-Dec. 2, American Society of Mechanical Engineers: 70th annual meeting, Statler Hotel, New York. Society headquarters are at 29 W. 39th St., New York.
- Nov. 28-Dec. 3, 22nd Exposition of Chemical Industries: Grand Central Palace, New York.
- Nov. 30-Dec. 2, Society for Experimental Stress Analysis: Annual meeting, Hotel New Yorker, New York. Society postal address is Box 168, Cambridge 39, Mass.
- Dec. 1-2, Council of Profit Sharing Industries: Second annual conference, Hotel Roosevelt, New York. Council headquarters are in the First National Tower, Akron.
- Dec. 2, American Council of Commercial Laboratories: Meeting, Hotel Statler, Washington. Council headquarters are at 318 Evans Bldg., Washington.
- Dec. 6, Material Handling Institute: Annual meeting, Hotel Commodore, New York. Institute headquarters are in the Clark Bldg., Pittsburgh.
- Dec. 8-10, American Institute of Mining & Metallurgical Engineers: Seventh annual conference of Electric Furnace Steel Committee. Institute headquarters are at 29 W. 39th St., New York.
- Dec. 9, Malleable Founders' Society: Western sectional meeting, Drake Hotel, Chicago. Society headquarters are at 1800 Union Commerce Bldg., Cleveland.
- Dec. 12-15, National Warm Air Heating & Air Conditioning Association: Meeting, Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland. Association headquarters are in the Society for Savings Bldg., Cleveland.
- Dec. 26-31, American Association for the Advancement of Science: Meeting, New York. Association headquarters are at 1515 Massachusetts Ave., Washington.
- Jan. 10-11, American Home Laundry Manufacturers' Association: Fourth national home laundry conference, in Chicago.
- Jan. 10-12, Conference on Industrial and Safety Problems of Nuclear Technology: Sponsored by New York University and Atomic Energy Commission, at New York University, Washington Sq., New York.
- Jan. 10-13, Society of the Plastics Industry, Reinforced Plastics Division: Meeting, Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland. Society headquarters are at 295 Madison Ave., New York.

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Mirrors of Motordom

Preview of new auto models offered as most builders taper off on production. Most producers optimistic for next year, but 10 to 15 per cent drop would not be surprising

DETROIT

ALTHOUGH the outlook is improved for resumption of steel shipments to motor plants in good volume inside three to four weeks, the remainder of 1949 has been pretty well written off because of the interruption of supplies and depletion of inventory already experienced, plus model changeovers now under way or shortly to be undertaken. Even though the changeovers in many cases involve no important changes in design, tooling, there is no disposition to rush them through as long as materials stocks are so badly unbalanced.

Now may be as good a time as any to look a little beyond the seven weeks remaining in the current year in the effort to summarize the outlook and planning for individual producers. At the outset it can be said that all are optimistic about 1950. They see a tremendous retail market yet unsatisfied and while they are looking for the production improvement of 1949 they will not expect a decline of much over 10-15 per cent from 6.4 million units likely to be realized by Dec. 31.

The abrupt slash in schedules flowing out of the steel strike could

react favorably in several ways. First it will provide impetus to clear out remaining stocks of 1949 models, perhaps persuading some buyers to go ahead with purchases of currently available types rather than wait for the 1950 series which may meet some delay in reaching full output. Secondly it could help to build up a backlog for January and February sales, normally slow months.

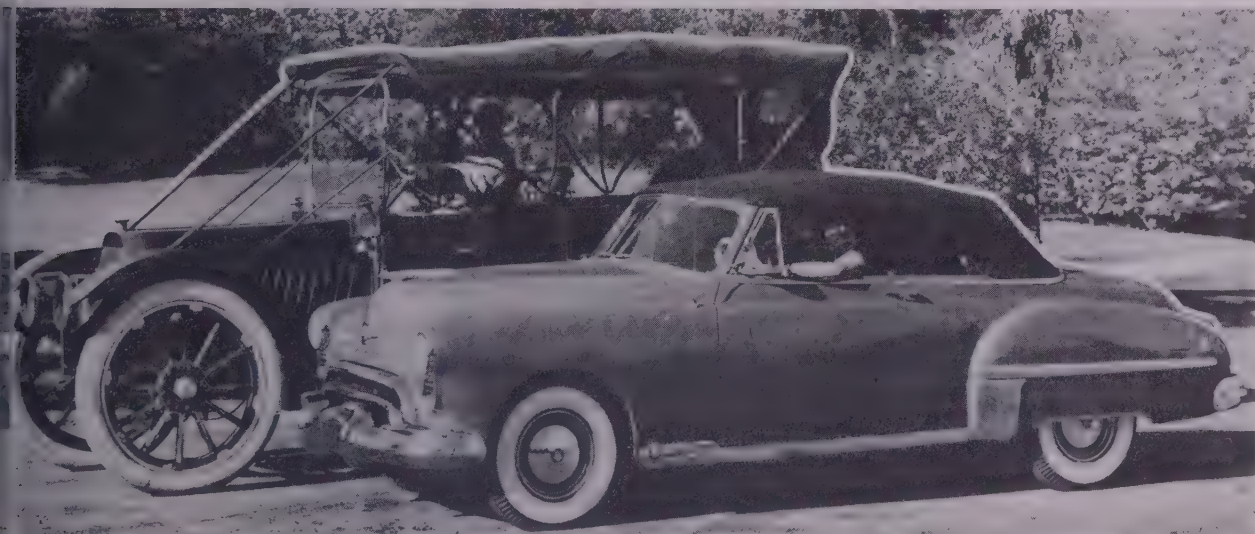
At any rate, here is a rundown on the industry as things stack up for the moment:

Buick—Assemblies for the year have hit 360,000 and will continue to the limit of steel stocks, perhaps being trimmed to four days per week shortly. Emphasis continues on the series 40 Special, now accounting for over half the total. A new body will be introduced on the series 50 Super model late this month, the General Motors "B" body, first appearing on the Special. The series 70 Roadmaster will feature a new body shell in its 1950 version, although this may be delayed until December. Engine modifications on cars carrying the Dynaflo transmission may become standard, in view of the fact nearly all buyers are ordering this transmission. Completely new Buick

engine is a good possibility for at least one of the 1951 models. Prices are not likely to change much, since the division now brackets the medium to high-price field solidly.

Cadillac—Mid-December is seen as the starting date for 1950s, which would not permit much more than limited dealer sampling before year-end. The new GM "C" body will be carried throughout the line except for an entirely new lower-priced model which will use the "B" body and help to attract buyers further down the price scale. A redesigned type of automatic transmission, combining features of the Hydra-Matic and Dynaflo, is in the works; its appearance on 1950 jobs has not been confirmed. Completely new radiator grille and decorative interior and exterior treatment will be apparent on all series. Assemblies thus far this year are close to 78,000, or 40 per cent ahead of 1948.

Chevrolet—Most assembly operations have dropped to a four-day week, with a model change looked for momentarily. Bodies will be unchanged from the present basic "A" type, except for decorative treatment. Big feature next year will be the deluxe line, carrying an engine of slightly higher horsepower and a torque-converter automatic transmission, to sell for \$100-\$150 extra. Division already has built more than 1 million passenger cars and 350,000



GOOD OLD DAYS? These two Oldsmobiles were built 39 years apart. The 1910 "Limited" four-door touring car weighs 5000 pounds, cost \$5000, f.o.b. Lansing, Mich.,

when new. The 1949 Futuramic "88" convertible coupe weighs 3845 pounds, costs \$2586—although hourly wages increased eight times since the "Limited" was built

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trucks this year, accounting for roughly 23 per cent of the industry total. A V-6 overhead valve engine is a future possibility, although not conceivably much before 1951 or 1952, since it would involve major manufacturing changes and new equipment.

Chrysler—Last of the 1949 jobs has been built and a start on the succeeding series is dependent upon pushing up materials inventories to their normal balance. Tooling has been completed and calls for new rear-deck stampings, quarter panels, roofs and rear fenders, calculated to smooth out body lines at the rear and incorporate a new deck lock and license-plate framing arrangement. Output for the year aggregates approximately 133,000 units, against 98,000 in the same interval a year ago. Several designs of V-8 overhead valve engines are in the road-testing stage, and a decision on manufacturing plans should not be too far away. If the go-ahead is given, large expenditure for equipment would be required.

Dodge—This year's schedules for passenger cars have been wrapped up, with production running to around 280,000, against 193,000 last year. Truck production will continue for at least a part of this week, and some manufacturing departments which supply components for Plymouth will remain functioning. Styling changes similar to those projected for other Chrysler divisions are ready, and if steel stocks can be reinforced without too much delay, an early start may be possible although the outlook now is not promising. Planning for a completely new engine has been under way for a long period of time, with repeated quotations asked from equipment builders. The project is still hanging fire.

De Soto—Here too assemblies have been terminated, although sheet metal parts continue to move to Plymouth and Dodge Truck. Revised body lines, particularly at the rear, are in store for 1950 models, their timing hinging on the steel situation. Along with Chrysler and Dodge, this division is committed to sticking with the semiautomatic transmission and fluid coupling combination, although there has been talk of a torque-converter design being tested by Chrysler engineers. Assemblies this year have run close to 100,000, against 75,000 in the like period a year ago.

Ford—A new look at the steel picture, brightened appreciably by the return of Bethlehem Steel to production, along with changes in fabricating schedules at the Rouge mill, per-

mitting additional tonnages to be moved to suppliers, has meant extending production of Ford cars and trucks through this month at only slightly reduced rate. The Lincoln division was to close Nov. 11, but Mercury will hold on through the month, instead of suspending Nov. 15 as had been planned originally. New Ford models will be announced Nov. 17, were shown off-the-record in Detroit Nov. 4. Appearancewise changes are not too apparent, although dozens of mechanical and engine changes will be featured. Output this year now is close to 930,000 Ford cars and trucks, 172,000 Mercurys, 32,000 Lincolns and 92,000 farm tractors, topping the

Automobile Production—

Passenger Cars and Trucks— U. S. and Canada

	1949	1948
January	445,092	422,236
February	443,734	399,471
March	543,711	519,154
April	569,728	462,323
May	508,101	359,966
June	623,689	454,401
Six mos.	3,134,055	2,617,581
July	604,351	489,736
August	678,092	478,186
September	657,078	437,181
October	605,000*	516,814
November		495,488
December		514,337
12 mos.		5,549,323

* Preliminary.

Estimate for week ended:

	1949	1948
Oct. 22	143,049	123,067
Oct. 29	137,651	116,968
Nov. 5	120,924	118,229
Nov. 12	108,000	116,029

Estimates by
Ward's Automotive Reports

total for any postwar year. Tooling is being pushed on the new torque-converter transmission, slated for availability next summer and to be made by Warner Gear at Muncie, Ind., and by Ford at Cincinnati. A new "fast-back" or "flo-line" model is ready for production on short notice.

Hudson — Production is moving ahead on the new and smaller 6-cylinder Pacemaker model (7 inches shorter wheel base) which is expected to carry a price \$400-\$500 less than the lowest-priced unit the company now builds. The Pacemaker is expected to compete with other makes in about the Pontiac price class. Numerous modifications have been developed for the 1950 Super

and Commodore series, including decorative refinements, wider rear window and a smattering of engine improvements. Assemblies this year have passed 125,000 against 110,000 in the same months last year.

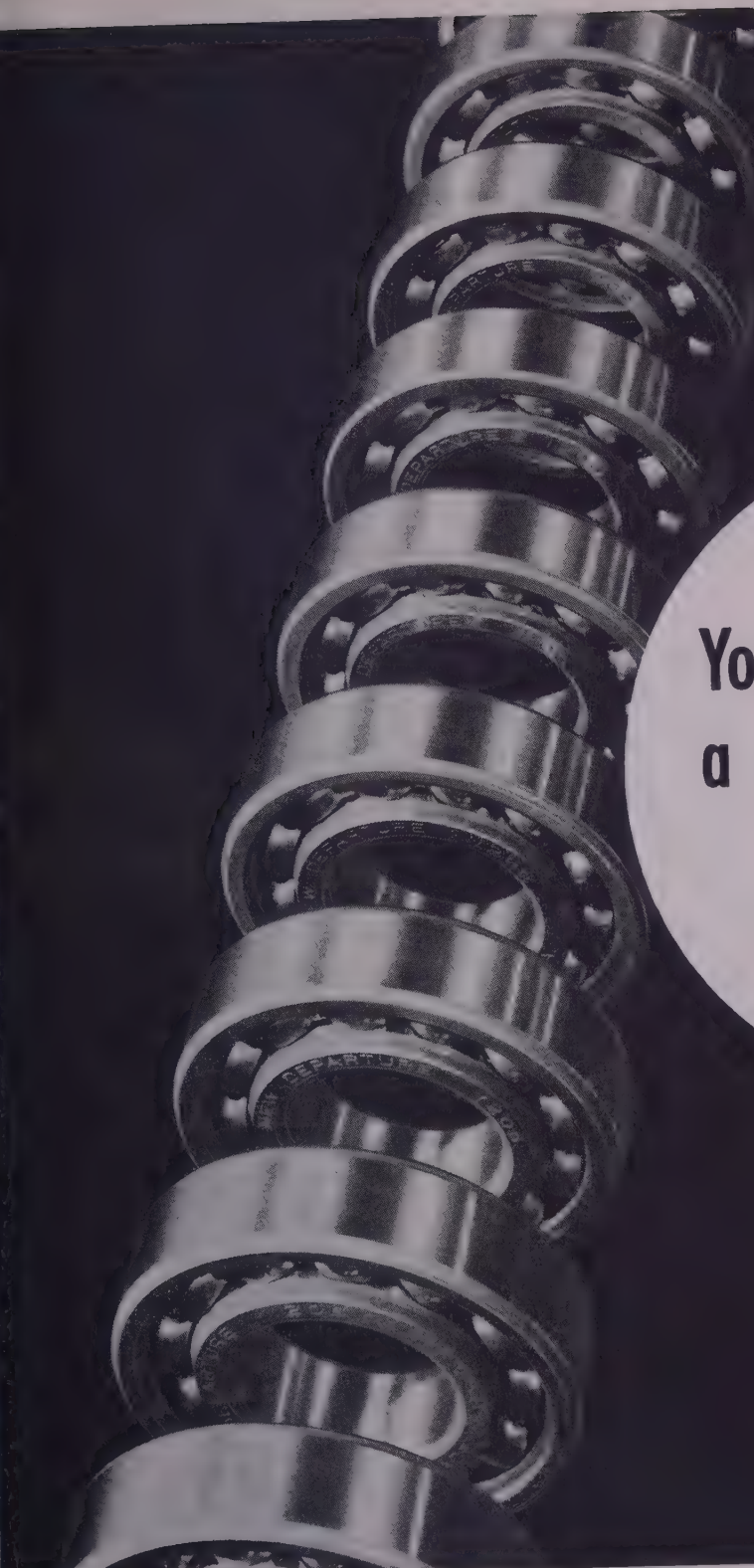
Kaiser-Frazer—Tool and die sources are of the opinion it may be difficult to have tooling completed for a new low-priced "economy" car in time for assembly operations by spring even assuming proceeds from a \$34 million RFC loan are received reasonably soon, and agitation has developed in Washington for a "Senate investigation" of the deal. Last week the K-F engine plant in Detroit suspended operations, with decision yet to be reached on whether to retool for completely new smaller engine which would appear to be a necessity for the forthcoming economy model. Already announced is a \$200,000 "Walter Winchell Name-the-Car" contest, closing Jan. 15. Winchell's high priced radio contract, incidentally will be terminated the first of the year in favor of concentration on local advertising. Henry J. Kaiser has hit back at critics of his government loans and war plant purchases by pointing out that his companies have repaid the government \$188 million interest, as well as investing \$11 million in steel, aluminum and automobile building facilities. Resumption of car building is indefinite.

Nash—Although plans had been drawn to double fourth-quarter production of 1950 models over a year ago, the situation is touch and go on steel. Nash will be forced to close Nov. 18 for lack of materials; 13,000 will be idled. The Nash plant in California will run out of parts Dec. 1. Nash production to Oct. 8 was 127,996.

Approximately 35,000 of the 1949 automobiles have been built thus far, 63 per cent of them the small Statesman model. For the year, assemblies top 130,000, compared with 100,000 a year ago. A prospect for spring is a still smaller and less expensive model, perhaps with a slightly narrower tread and a high-compression, high-economy engine. Expenditure of \$15 million for plant and equipment is tabbed for 1950.

Oldsmobile — Alteration and new construction work on the Lansing Mich., assembly plant should be completed this week, suggesting it may be a couple of weeks more before a good start can be made on 1950 models. Schedules called for 300,000 of the 1949 versions, and 266,000 have been completed on Oct. 31. The new General Motors "C" bodies will be used on the next 98 series, with the

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Building Addition

Wigton-Abbott will add 148,-000 sq ft to International Plainfield Motors

INTERNATIONAL Plainfield Motors, subsidiary of Mack Trucks Inc., will build an addition to its manufacturing plant in Plainfield, N. J.

A contract for design and construction of the one-story, 148,000-sq ft structure will incorporate the one-story, 19,200-sq ft existing facility. Wigton-Abbott Corp., engineering and contracting firm of Plainfield, N. J., was awarded the contract. The new addition will be of steel frame construction, continuous fenestration, brick spandrels and concrete plank roof with two parallel monitors running the length of the building.

Wigton-Abbott is completing three other large steel and concrete structures at the same plant. These are: A three-story assembly building and office, cafeteria and recreation facilities and a motor testing and shipping building.

Luria Buys Charles Dreifus Co.

LURIA Steel & Trading Corp., New York, bought the domestic iron and steel scrap business of Charles Dreifus Co., Philadelphia.

Walter S. Gates, long associated with Dreifus, will be Philadelphia district manager. Charles S. Schechtman will be affiliated with the Philadelphia office; Fred Gates and Stanley Amidon will serve the New England district.

Dreifus has moved its offices to the Wallace & Warner Bldg., Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Dresser Buying Magnet Cove

MAJORITY stockholders of Magnet Cove Barium Corp., Houston, accepted a proposal by Dresser Industries Inc., Cleveland, to buy the Magnet Cove common stock.

Magnet Cove's major products are mineral and chemical compounds used in preparation of drilling "mud." In rotary drilling this vital mud fluid is forced down through the drill pipe and up again between the pipe and well wall to cool the drill bit, remove cuttings and control high formation pressures encountered in drilling.

"The purchase of Magnet Cove," says H. N. Mallon, Dresser's president, "is another step in Dresser's program of long-term growth. It makes possible replacement of a significant portion of the earning of

three subsidiaries sold by Dresser last January."

Dresser Industries is an affiliation of member companies, joined together by common ownership and with kindred interests, co-ordinated products and related markets. They operate chiefly in the oil, gas, water and chemical industries, producing equipment used in drilling, transporting and refining crude oil and natural gas.

Hyatt Bearings Starts Addition

HYATT BEARINGS Division of General Motors Corp., Harrison, N. J., began a 125,000-sq ft extension to its second plant in nearby Clark township.

Designs call for a modern building with steel frame masonry, an insulated roof and forced ventilation. Like the existing plant, the extension will be mainly a one-story structure with a second floor across one side as a continuation of the mezzanine arrangement.

Hyatt, a producer of roller bearings for automotive, agricultural, industrial and railroad applications, bought the second plant in 1942. Increased war demand for antifriction bearings had taxed the Harrison facility to capacity. The Clark township plant manufactures automotive roller bearings and railroad roller bearing journal boxes. The expanded plant area is expected to be occupied shortly after Jan. 1.

Knickerbocker Buys Truck-Man

TRUCK-MAN, a gasoline-powered interplant truck, is being produced by Truck-Man Division of Knickerbocker Co., Jackson, Mich.

Formerly a division of Yard-Man Inc., Truck-Man had overcrowded facilities of the parent company. Knickerbocker, the new owner, has ample facilities for producing Truck-Man in volume. Knickerbocker has been manufacturing contractor's machinery and mixers since 1883.

Owens Plant Sold to Lyon

LYON METAL Products Inc., Aurora, Ill., purchased the York, Pa., plant of Owens Yacht Co.

Lyon, which has plants in Aurora and Chicago, produces cabinets, shelving, folding furniture and show cases. The York property, one of two plants owned by Owens, will give Lyon 200,000 sq ft of space in a modern factory layout. Lyon will soon start production to serve its Atlantic seaboard customers. Increasing freight rates since 1940, more competitive fa-

cilities and an expanding dealer organization made a production plant in the East necessary.

Survey Produces Results

SHELL OIL CO. had to develop shop building to handle \$4 million worth of maintenance and construction work each year. The company engineers first made a survey of shop practices and materials handling methods in over 25 major industrial establishments and military depots throughout the country.

What they designed at the Deerpark, Houston, refinery was a building which incorporated such new features as mercury vapor and incandescent lamps to reduce eye strain; three traveling bridge cranes to move the length of the 98,000-sq-ft building and an air conditioning system that maintains an inside temperature of 80° F.

A special cleaning building, housing equipment that removes dirt and oil from parts brought in from the refinery, insures cleanliness in the main shop—an unusual feature for maintenance operations. Besides the assortment of machines, tools and equipment needed in refinery maintenance, the shop includes offices, craft foremen, a separate tool room, conference rooms, space for storage for heavy materials and locker and washrooms.



EFFICIENT MATERIALS HANDLING
Austin Co. which designed and built the new A. B. Dick plant at Niles, accommodated materials handling other building equipment on the steel and structural framework. Traveling monorail bridge in this area facilitates handling of loaded tumbling basins from bath to bath in the black oxide finishing tanks of the plating department.

Briefs . . .

Youngstown Mfg. Co.'s new Youngstown plant began fabricating auto body parts. Originally the plant was to make only steel stampings. The company acquired the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp.'s old Upper Union plant for \$1 million and spent \$500,000 remodeling and equipping it.

National Rustproof Corp., Cleveland, offers a rust preventive for use on aluminum, chrome, and ferrous and nonferrous metals. Rustarest 80, the company says, is hard and tough but pliable enough to take bending or curving. The transparent coating dries without baking.

Chalmers Mfg. Co. named Henry & Bolthoff Co., Denver, as dealer for centrifugal pumps in Colorado, Wyoming and parts of New Mexico, Nebraska and South Dakota.

American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corp. plant in Baltimore which was spring closed because of large victories, resumed day and night work. Company employs about 1000.

Eutectic Welding Alloys Corp., New York, opened its new plant in Flushing, N. Y., last month. Four hundred guests attended the formal opening and saw the new training school, Eutectic Welding Institute.

Iron & Brass Research Association became a member of the University of Chicago's Institute for the Study of Metals.

Research Products Inc. bought a building that housed the company for the past three years in Baltimore. Plans are being drawn for renovations of the interior to include larger research laboratory facilities, expanded manufacturing operations and more space for the company's metal finishing work. Allied Metal Iridite finishes.

Louis-San Francisco Railway placed an order with the Ensley mill at Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad for 27,500 tons of rails for its track program. Clark Hungerford, Frisco president, says the order valued at \$3,110,000. He disclosed another order—for 14 modern diesel locomotives—which will completely "dieselize" passenger service out of Birmingham.

Kiekhaefer Corp., Cedarburg, Wis., a manufacturer of outboard motors and cycle gasoline industrial engines, added its sales, service and advertising departments for the outboard

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division to its Fond du Lac, Mich., plant—Kiekhaefer Aeromarine Motors Inc.

General Fireproofing Co., Youngstown, manufacturer of metal business furniture, tells how the problems of frayed nerves, wasted effort, fatigue and inefficiency are solved by its Super-Fileers in a new movie. "Mechanized Record Filing" is the title of the 27-minute 16 mm film. Free showings are available.

General Electric Co. produced "Sittin' and Savin'," a color-sound slide film showing how industrial capacitors cut industrial power costs. The film is designed specifically for cost-conscious industrial plant engineers. Showings may be arranged through GE sales engineers or GE district offices.

Cleveland Corrugated Box Co. Division of General Container Corp. bought Northern Containers Inc., Cleveland. All sales and manufacturing operations of the two companies will be combined at the Cleveland Corrugated plant.

United Engineering Co.'s San Francisco plant was sold to a group of West Coast businessmen. United is a wholly owned subsidiary of Matson Navigation Co. John E. Cushing, Matson president, said United's shipbuilding facilities at Alameda, Calif., leased to Todd Shipyards, and a building in San Francisco would be retained. Property was sold when officials found that it was no longer necessary to repair their own ships.

Lapointe Machine Tool Co., Hudson, Mass., opened its new, enlarged offices in Chicago this month.

American Drill Bushing Co., Los Angeles, opened its modern new office

headquarters and manufacturing plant. Growth of the company, manufacturer of American Drill Bushings, resulted in moving from three previous locations.

G. A. Gray Co., Cincinnati, builder of metal planers, planer-type milling machines and horizontal boring machines, appointed C. F. Bulotti Machinery Co., San Francisco, representative for northern California.

Binks Mfg. Co., Chicago, is offering a special one-week course on porcelain enamel spraying beginning Feb. 6, 1950. Binks, a manufacturer of spray finishing equipment, invites anyone interested in ceramic finishing to attend the course without charge.

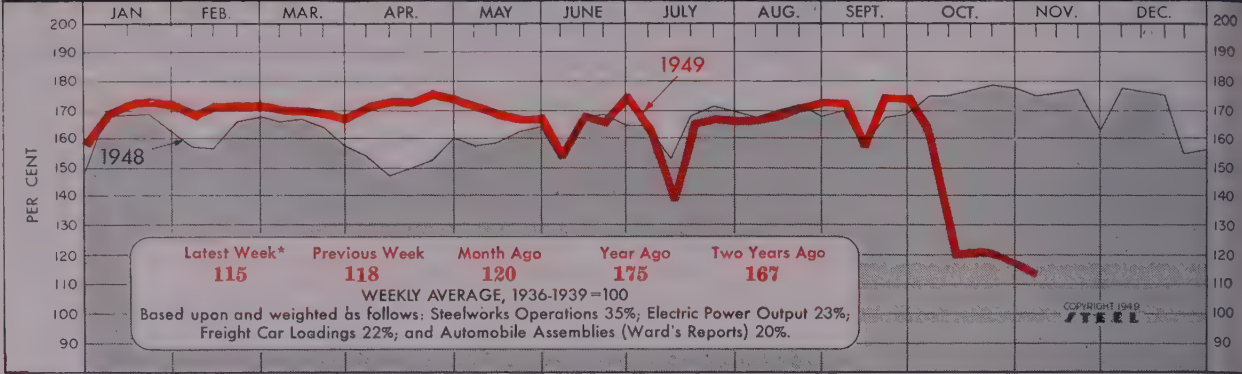
Haynes Steel Products Co., Youngstown steel warehousing firm, is building an 80 x 300 ft addition to its No. 2 plant. It will give the company and its affiliate, Roll Form Products Co., about 80,000 sq ft of floor space.

Ohio Steel Foundry Co., Lima, O., will close its Central plant next January because of financial losses. The shutdown will throw 300 persons out of work. President John E. Galvin says the foundry operated at a loss for the last three years.

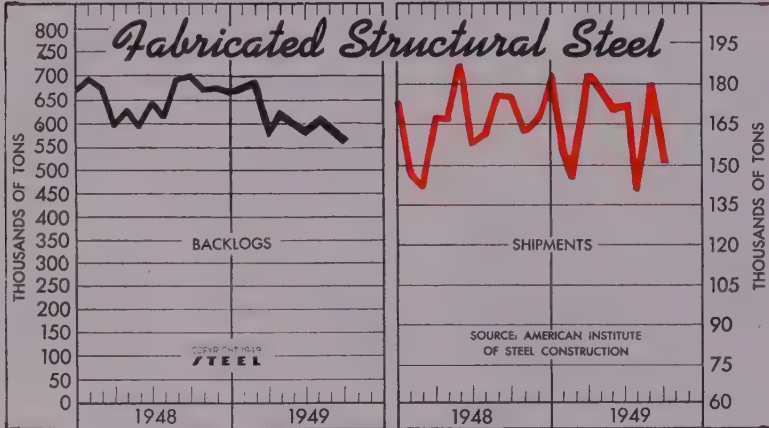
R. D. Werner Co., Greenville, Pa., is building an 80 x 250 ft addition to manufacture aluminum and magnesium products by extrusion. United Engineering & Foundry Co.'s New Castle, Pa., plant is building the extrusion equipment under plans made by Lombard Corp., Youngstown.

Monsanto Chemical Co., St. Louis, Mo., is planning construction of a \$500,000 plant at Santa Clara, Calif. The new plant will manufacture synthetic resins and specialty coatings.

STEEL'S INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX



* Week ended Nov. 5 (preliminary).

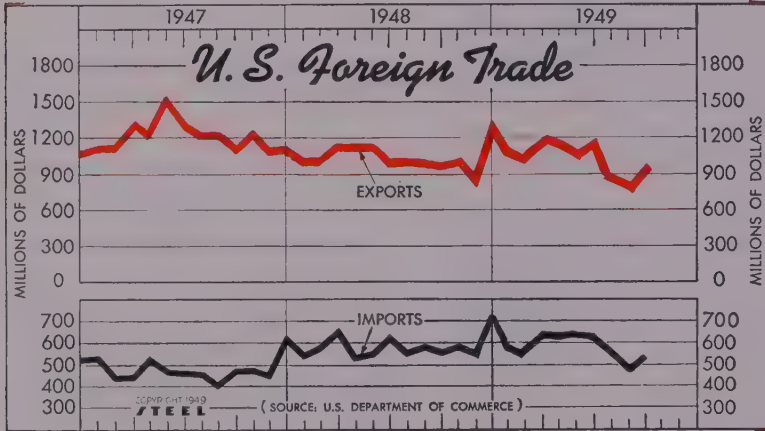


Fabricated Structural Steel

	Shipments			Backlogs		
	1949	1948	1947	1949	1948	1947
Jan.	152.7	146.4	140.6	675	692	661
Feb.	145.9	141.6	136.1	683	673	656
Mar.	185.9	167.0	137.8	582	597	614
Apr.	179.2	166.7	157.4	628	630	632
May	171.1	186.9	155.0	599	593	628
June	172.3	157.1	151.9	583	647	634
July	145.3*	160.8	169.9	605	613	661
Aug.	182.4*	176.3	158.0	583	691	639
Sept.	151.3	175.0	164.3	562	698	645
Oct.	...	164.0	196.1	...	669	649
Nov.	...	169.8	175.0	...	673	645
Dec.	...	182.4	173.0	...	670	671

Total 1,993.9 1,915.1

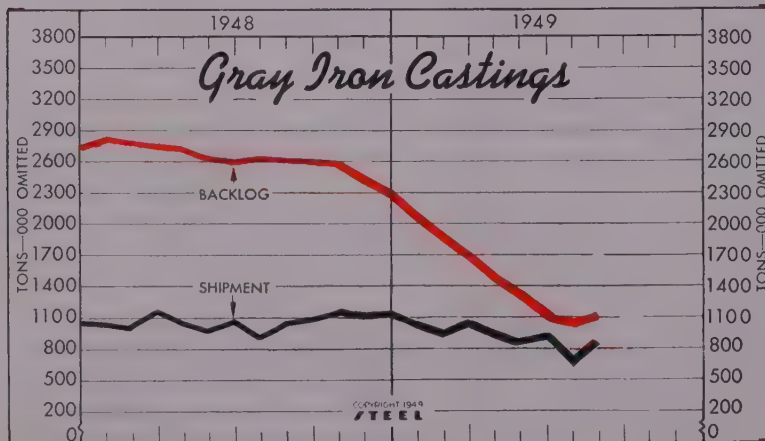
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Foreign Trade

Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce
(Unit Value—\$1,000,000)

	Export			Import		
	1949	1948	1947	1949	1948	1947
Jan.	1,086	1,092	1,114	589	547	531
Feb.	1,029	1,086	1,146	568	585	437
Mar.	1,152	1,139	1,327	632	670	444
Apr.	1,149	1,121	1,299	534	530	512
May	1,078	1,102	1,503	541	551	474
June	1,104	1,015	1,320	527	625	463
July	897	1,019	1,265	455	563	391
Aug.	881	990	1,265	491	606	401
Sept.	904	926	1,109	531	560	481
Oct.	...	1,021	1,235	...	600	492
Nov.	...	820	1,138	...	554	454
Dec.	...	1,285	1,172	...	720	603



Gray Iron Castings

(U. S. Bureau of Census)

Tons—000 omitted

	Shipments		Backlogs*	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Jan.	1,040	1,064	2,065	2,801
Feb.	987	1,024	1,857	2,761
Mar.	1,075	1,169	1,639	2,721
Apr.	929	1,051	1,446	2,691
May	867	993	1,243	2,601
June	906	1,072	1,087	2,581
July	697	914	1,032	2,601
Aug.	872	1,051	1,048	2,591
Sept.	...	1,088	...	2,581
Oct.	...	1,148	...	2,521
Nov.	...	1,100	...	2,401
Dec.	...	1,111	...	2,281

Total 12,786

* Unfilled orders for sale to the trade.

Men of Industry

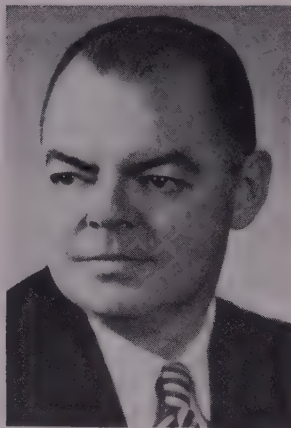


DAVID T. MARVEL

David T. Marvel has been appointed to the newly created position of general sales manager, Western Brass Mills Division, **Olin Industries Inc.**, East Alton, Ill. He served nine years as manager of sales with Tubing Specialties Division, National Tube Co., subsidiary, U. S. Steel Corp., and previously was associated for six years with Timken Steel & Tubes Division, Timken Roller Bearing Co., Canton, O., where he was manager of tubular sales in Canton. In his new capacity, Mr. Marvel will have overall responsibility for Western Brass sales operation, which includes Western's mill products division and fabricating division, the sales departments of which continue to be headed respectively by **H. M. Campbell** and **E. N. Rousseau**.

Edgard C. DeSmet has been named to the newly created post of director of body engineering for **Willys-Overland Motors Inc.**, Toledo, O. Associated with Willys 13 years, he has served successively as assistant chief engineer, chief engineer of the wartime aircraft division, and assistant to the vice president in charge of engineering.

J. C. Stites has been appointed assistant manager of sales and export sales manager of **Cleveland Twist Drill Co.**, Cleveland, succeeding the late **H. P. Jenson**. Mr. Stites, associated with the company 12 years, has been promoted from the field sales division. Formerly he was manager of the New York stockroom and service representative in Kansas City, Mo., covering the Southwest. **R. O. Artner**, formerly manager of the company's Detroit stockroom, was promoted to the field sales division.

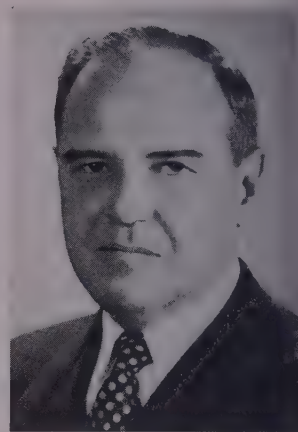


MILO F. McCAMMON

Milo F. McCammon, identified with the automotive, aircraft and steel processing industries for almost 20 years, has been appointed general manager, Stamford Division, **Yale & Towne Mfg. Co.**, Stamford, Conn. Mr. McCammon resigned as general manager, Ingersoll Steel Division, Borg-Warner Corp., Kalamazoo, Mich., to accept Yale & Towne's appointment. He previously served as general production manager of the South Bend, Ind., division of Bendix Aviation Corp. after 12 years' association with Hudson Motor Car Co. Since last June the Stamford Division has been temporarily directed by **Otto G. Schwenk**, vice president in charge of all manufacturing operations.

Daniel J. Haughton, for the last few years assistant to the vice president in charge of manufacturing, **Lockheed Aircraft Corp.**, Burbank, Calif., has been elected to the presidencies of **Airequipment Corp.**, subsidiary of Lockheed, and **Aerol Co. Inc.**, subsidiary of Airequipment. **Burt C. Monesmith**, for the last 16 years an executive in the aircraft industry, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Haughton at Lockheed. **G. A. Fitzpatrick**, formerly superintendent of Lockheed's jet fighter production, will replace Mr. Monesmith as works manager.

Waldemar Naujoks has joined **Ladish Co.**, Cudahy, Wis., as special projects engineer. He will engage in development of ferrous and nonferrous alloy forgings. Mr. Naujoks has spent most of his business career in the hot metalworking field, and is the author of *Forging Handbook*.



T. W. GABRIEL

T. W. Gabriel has been appointed general sales manager, **Firth Sterling Steel & Carbide Corp.**, McKeesport, Pa. He has been sales manager of the Ohio district since 1941 when he left Carnegie-Illinois Co. to join Firth Sterling. Other appointments are: **Macon Jordan**, district sales manager, Ohio district, and **R. C. Wilkison**, carbide supervisor, Detroit district.

Fred Denig, vice president, **Kopp Co. Inc.**, Pittsburgh, has been named manager of the production department. **Dr. G. Frank D'Alelio** succeeds Mr. Denig as vice president and manager of the research department. The company announces that changes were brought about by his resignation because of ill health. **Hugh C. Minton**, vice president, has headed up the production department. **Dr. A. R. Powell**, assistant manager of the research department, has been made associate manager of that department.

J. H. Goodspeed, formerly in the Chicago sales office of **Titan Metal Mfg. Co.**, Bellefonte, Pa., has been placed in charge of the St. Louis sales office and will be assisted by **Miss L. Orbach** in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Miss Orbach was formerly partner in Clark-Wells Metal Co., which was associated with C. G. Hussey Co. in St. Louis. Mr. Goodspeed's territory covers Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and southern Illinois.

A. O. Smith Corp. announces transfer of the sales headquarters of welding electrode and equipment division from Chicago to Milwaukee. This move brings all sales responsi-



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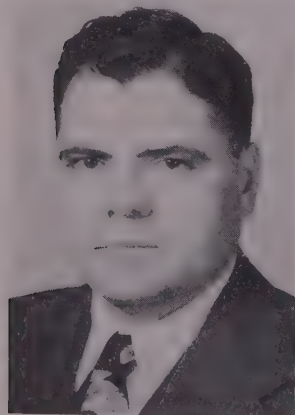
bility and direction under supervision of **J. T. Pritchard**, division manager, who has appointed **L. F. Vonier** as general sales manager of the division.

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Frank M. Culpepper and **David B. Hertz**, management consultants, have opened offices at 580 Fifth Ave., New York. **Culpepper-Hertz Inc.** will specialize in quantitative research on all types of management problems, bringing to the field methods and techniques which have proved successful in the industrial research laboratory.

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W. D. Johnson, who joined **Yates-American Machine Co.**, Beloit, Wis., in 1912, has been elected president succeeding **E. J. Dalton**, who formerly held this position jointly with that of chairman of the board. **C. H. Kelly**, **Victor E. Martin** and **Roger Birdsall** were elected vice presidents; **A. H. Woeckel**, secretary-treasurer; **A. B. Loft**, assistant secretary; and **F. W. Bassett**, assistant treasurer.

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C. Neil Norgren, assistant general manager, **C. A. Norgren Co.**, Denver, has been elected to the board of directors of the Manufacturers' Association of Colorado.

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James W. Kirkpatrick has joined **Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.**, Youngstown, as chief metallurgist in the Youngstown district, and **Eugene M. Smith** has joined the company as flat-rolled products development engineer, located at the Campbell plant. Mr. Kirkpatrick has been assistant metallurgical engineer with **H. A. Brassert Co.**, and had previous association with the Kearney research laboratory, Homestead district works of **Carnegie-Illinois Corp.**, and its Pittsburgh Metallurgical Division. Mr. Smith has been with **Battelle Memorial Institute** in Columbus, O., where he was a research engineer.



JAMES W. KIRKPATRICK

Walter A. Vela has been named export manager, **White Motor Co.**, Cleveland, succeeding **R. L. Boughton**, retired. Since 1946 he has been associated with **Graflex Inc.**, Rochester, N. Y., where he was export manager in charge of worldwide distribution of that company's products. He joined **Sun Oil Co.** in 1938, and was later made general sales manager of its South American division.

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E. R. Babylon, sales metallurgist for **Kaiser Steel Corp.**, Oakland, Calif., has been transferred from Los Angeles to Oakland to promote the sale of **Kaisaloy**, a new lightweight, low-alloy, high-strength steel.

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Nichols Wire & Aluminum Co., Davenport, Iowa, announces appointment of **Ross Crutcher** as credit manager. He was with the company from 1922 to 1940 as credit manager, resigning to join **Paraffine Companies Inc.**, Eastern Division, as credit manager. He served in the latter position until July of this year.

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G. W. Moffatt, general manager, **White Sewing Machine Products Ltd.**, Canada, has been elected a vice president of the company.

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Carl T. Doman, vice president and chief engineer, **Aircooled Motors Inc.**, Syracuse, N. Y., will resign Nov. 15 to accept a post with **Ford Motor Co.** in Detroit. Mr. Doman will continue as president of **Pattern Makers Inc.**

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John C. Pankow, director of sales, **Detroit-Michigan Stove Co.**, has been named chairman of the **National Committee for LP-Gas Promotion**, newly organized group which will direct a broad-gage promotional program soon to be launched by the liquefied petroleum gas industry.



EUGENE M. SMITH

Carl W. Luthey has been appointed



CARL W. LUTHEY

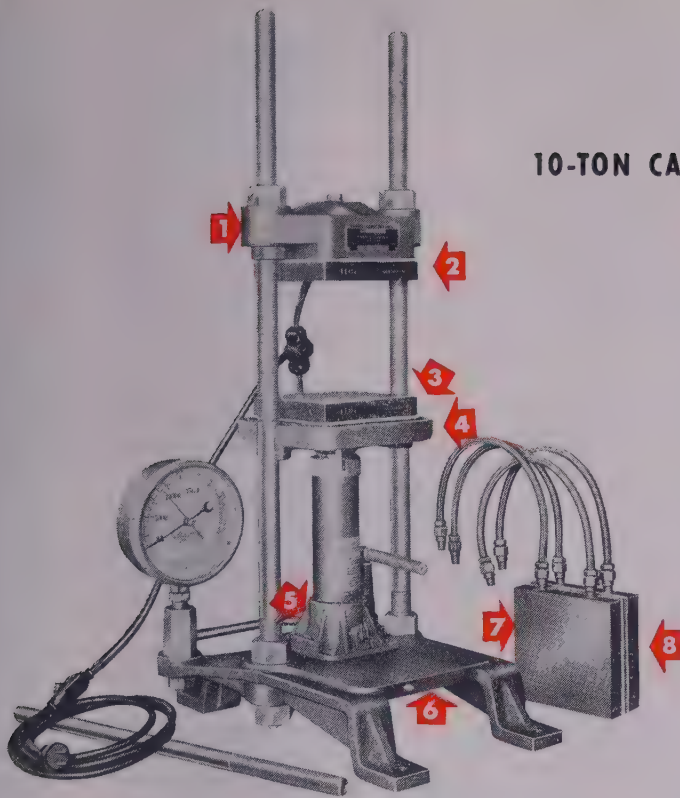
factory manager for **Vic Pastushin Industries Inc.**, Los Angeles, manufacturer of aircraft components. Mr. Luthey has served in production and administrative capacities with **Douglas Aircraft Co. Inc.** for the last 10 years at its **El Segundo**, Calif., and wartime **Tulsa**, Okla., plants. He previously served with **Engineering Research & Equipment Co.** and **Technical Engineering Co.**, both of Los Angeles.

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Gaetan M. Zucco, contract manager for **Bethlehem Pacific Coast Steel Corp.**, Seattle, has been promoted to full colonel as commanding officer of the 498th Engineers Port Construction and Repair Headquarters, an affiliated unit of the Organized Reserve Corps sponsored by the Mountain Pacific chapter of **Associated General Contractors of America**.

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R. W. Walker, vice president, **Mack International Motor Truck Corp.**, New York, subsidiary, **Mack Trucks Inc.**, has been named manager of its newly created eastern division, a territory representing consolidation of three of the company's major East Coast sales divisions. In his new post he will direct all Mack truck bus and fire apparatus sales and service activities through 17 direct factory branches in New York state and northern New Jersey. For the last four years he has been in charge of metropolitan New York division with headquarters at the **Mack Long Island City plant**, where he will continue to be located.

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B. N. Barber, Chicago zone manager, **Oldsmobile Division**, General Motors Corp., has been appointed Atlantic regional manager for the division with headquarters in New York. He replaces **G. H. Smith**, resigned to en-

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7, 8 Steam Hot Plates for intermittent use with steam to 200 lbs. and cold water.

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Atlas Foundry Co.	Detroit, Michigan	The Henry Perkins Co.	Bridgewater, Massachusetts
Banner Iron Works	St. Louis, Missouri	Philmor Foundry Co., Inc.	Buffalo, New York
Barnett Foundry & Machine Co.	Irvine, New Jersey	Rosedale Foundry & Machine Co.	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
H. W. Butterworth & Sons Co.	Bethayres, Pennsylvania	Ross-Meehan Foundries	Chattanooga, Tennessee
Continental Gin Co.	Birmingham, Alabama	Shenango-Penn Mold Co.	Dover, Ohio
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ter private business. **J. E. Straud**, Milwaukee zone manager, succeeds Mr. Barber in Chicago.

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A. T. Waidelich has been elected vice



A. T. WAIDELICH

president in charge of research for **Austin Co.**, Cleveland. In this capacity he will supervise the company's plant location surveys and economic and engineering reports, as well as its independent research projects. He joined Austin Co. as a structural designer in the New York district office in 1936, and has been assistant director of research at company's headquarters in Cleveland since 1941.

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William D. Singleton, manager, Chester, Pa., plant of **Ford Motor Co.** since 1948, has been appointed production manager of all Ford division assembly plants, under **M. L. Wiesmyer**, manufacturing manager. **William B. Smith**, assistant manager of the Chester plant, has been named acting plant manager.

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Charles E. Nail has been appointed assistant sales manager, **Shenango Tube Co.**, Sharon, Pa.

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M. C. Peterson, **S. E. Ragland** and **M. C. Ferguson** have been appointed to the field sales organization of **Willys-Overland Motors Inc.**, Toledo, O. Mr. Peterson will have headquarters in Chicago, Mr. Ragland in Memphis, Tenn., and Mr. Ferguson in Richmond, Va.

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Surface Combustion Corp., Toledo, O., announces that **Ralph W. Elmenthaler** has joined its industrial advertising staff as liaison engineer.

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Dr. Walter J. Murphy, American Chemical Society editor, has been chosen to receive the 1950 gold medal of the American Institute of Chemists for his outstanding contributions

to the advancement of the chemical profession. The medal will be presented to Dr. Murphy at the institute's annual meeting in New York in May.

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G. Greer Coolidge, senior vice president, **Harbison-Walker Refractories Co.**, Pittsburgh, has been elected a director of **Blaw-Knox Co.**, Pittsburgh. He fills the vacancy on the Blaw-Knox board occasioned by the death of **Donald C. Bakewell**.

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Thomas Hannah Jr., associated with **American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corp.** for the last 22 years, and manager of its Washington sales office, has been appointed manager, central business contact department, located at American-Standard's offices in Pittsburgh. **Rolland J. Hamilton** has retired as vice president of the corporation in accordance with its retirement plan, but continues to serve on the board of directors and on the executive committee.

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Armand A. Hauser has been named director of sales and advertising of **Kiekhaefer Corp.**, Fond du Lac, Wis. He was assistant sales manager for three years, and joined the firm in 1943 as production department expediter.

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Samuel K. Hornor has been appointed manager of sales for hardware products, and **J. F. Berger**, manager of sales for industrial wire products for the **Woven Wire Fabrics Division**, **John A. Roebling's Sons Co.**, Roebling, N. J. The appointments are in line with the division's new merchandising plan of complete service in two operations. Mr. Hornor has served Roebling in various sales capacities for 12 years, and Mr. Berger has been associated with the company for 35 years.



SAMUEL K. HORNOR

Following retirement of **G. L. Ringland**, chief engineer of the electrical department of the **Norwood Works Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co.**, Milwaukee, the following appointments have been announced: **F. M. Winterhalter**, engineer in charge of a-c design; **C. I. Cobb**, engineer in charge of d-c design; **E. K. Spooner**, insulation engineer; **I. C. Smith**, mechanical engineer; and **W. T. Saveland**, assistant mechanical engineer.

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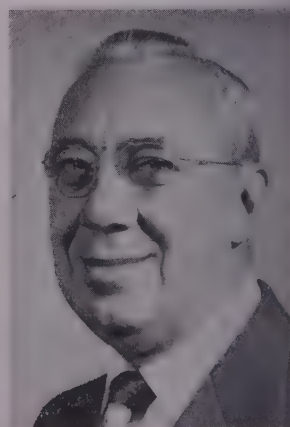
Richard Cutts Jr. has been named manager of sales for the central station divisions of **General Electric Co.**'s apparatus department, Schenectady, N. Y. He formerly was assistant manager of sales for the **G-J Meter & Instrument Divisions** at **Lynn, Mass.**, and will be succeeded by **Donald E. Craig**, manager of sales for the unit substation section, central station divisions. **C. W. Bryan**, assistant production manager in the apparatus department, has been appointed purchasing agent of **General Products Division**, succeeding **Arrell L. Wagoner**, who will continue work of an advisory and consulting capacity in the division.

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Taylor Instrument Cos., Rochester, N. Y., announces placement of four salesmen, two in the **Tulsa, Okla.** territory, one in **St. Louis** and one in **Chicago**. **Damon C. Ralph** will be stationed in **Freeport, La.**; **Donald F. Sullins** will cover the northwest section of **Texas**; **Charles H. Miller** will be stationed in **Omaha, Neb.** and **William Hile** will cover **Indiana**.

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Riverside Metal Co., **Riverside, N. J.** announces resignation of **Lemuel T. Burhoe**, former vice president and works manager, and **J. Vincent Hackett**, former vice president in charge of new business.



J. F. BERGER

George H. Wurster has been appointed sales representative in New England for **Heppenstall Co.**, Pittsburgh. He succeeds **Harold P. Jones**, retired. Mr. Wurster and Mr. Jones have both maintained territorial sales headquarters in the company's Boston office. Mr. Jones was associated for 32 years with Heppenstall.

Thomas K. Gregorius, first assistant superintendent, Creighton, Pa., works for **Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.**, Pittsburgh, has been appointed superintendent to succeed **James Green**, retired. Mr. Green served as superintendent since 1940, and was associated with the Creighton plant for 17 years.

Victor W. Bloomer, treasurer, **Appleton Machine Co.**, Appleton, Wis., has been elected president to succeed the late **Henry P. Madsen**. **Richard Adsch**, sales manager for many years, was elected vice president in charge of sales. **Cecil Furminger**, former vice president, was elected treasurer, succeeding Mr. Bloomer. **Marrie E. Morgan** remains as secretary of the company.

Ernest L. Parks has been appointed research and public relations director of **Adams Steele Inc.**, Chicago.

Marshall F. Allen has been appointed manager of the **Magnesia Insulation Manufacturers Association** succeeding **Wiley W. Smith**, who resigned to accept a position with **Ehret Magnesia Mfg. Co.** Mr. Allen's headquarters

will be at the association offices in Washington. He was formerly executive secretary of the National Aircraft Standards Committee, a subsidiary of Aircraft Industries Association. He has been engaged in trade association and government work in Washington since 1940.

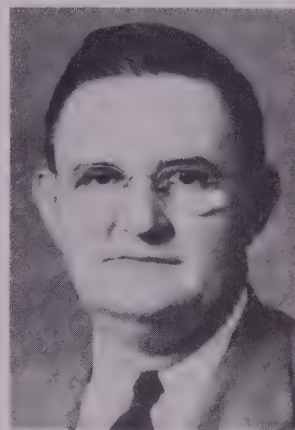
James M. Arroyo has been appointed sales manager, **Martin Machine Co.**, Kewanee, Ill. He became associated with the Martin sales department several months ago to head its export sales, and for the last 15 years has been connected with domestic and export sales supervisory work.

Glenn H. Edgecomb has joined the staff of **Jack & Heintz Precision Industries Inc.**, Cleveland, as works manager. He formerly was works manager of **Holtzer-Cabot Electric Co.**, Boston, and had previously served in a similar position with **Sonatone Corp.**, Elmsford, N. Y. During the war he was associated with **Bendix Corp.**, Philadelphia division, where he was responsible for all manufacturing, processes, tooling and equipment. He resigned from **Bendix** in 1944 to join **Sonatone**.

William C. Bruton has been appointed district sales manager, **American Manganese Steel Division**, **American Brake Shoe Co.**, New York, and **Robert H. Elem** has been appointed Pacific Coast manager, welding products department. Mr. Bruton will be located at division headquarters in Oakland, Calif., and Mr. Elem in

Los Angeles. Mr. Bruton will cover the Pacific Northwest.

C. J. Gerker has been appointed sales



C. J. GERKER

manager, **Midway Tool Co. Inc.**, Melvin, O. Sales offices have been established in the Arcade Bldg., Cleveland, and sales correspondence and orders will be handled from that location.

Russell G. Davis has been appointed a sales executive of **Chain Belt Co.**, Milwaukee.

Harry J. Deines has been appointed manager of advertising and sales promotion for **Westinghouse Electric Corp.**, Pittsburgh, with responsibility for staff supervision and co-ordination of all advertising and sales promotion activities. He will also maintain basic company relationships with advertising agencies.

OBITUARIES...

Stanley T. Goss, 68, president and founder, **Goss & DeLeeuw Machine Co.**, Kensington, Conn., died Oct. 31. About 1906 he went to New Britain, Conn., in the employ of **Corbin Motor Vehicle Corp.**, and later joined **New Britain Machine Co.**, where within a few years he became a vice president in charge of the automatic screw machine and chucking machine division, as well as a director. In 1922, together with the late **Adolph DeLeeuw**, he organized **Goss & DeLeeuw Machine Co.**

Edison Boren, 80, former treasurer, **Dele & Towne Mfg. Co.**, Stamford, Conn., died Nov. 3.

Christian A. Wills, 70, vice president and general manager, **William B. Polack Co.**, Youngstown, died Oct. 10 following a heart attack. He had been associated with the company for

45 years, and was well known for his reputation in blast furnace construction.

Henry P. Everitt, 55, assistant supervisor of employment in the Youngstown district of **Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.**, died Nov. 4 of a heart attack.

Harris S. Currier, 57, assistant district sales manager for the Detroit office of **Inland Steel Co.**, died Nov. 2. He joined **Inland** in 1932.

George L. Brunner, 66, organizer of **Brunner Mfg. Co.**, Utica, N. Y., died Oct. 28 after a long illness. He organized the refrigeration equipment firm in 1907 and retired in 1946, but retained his interest in **Brunner Corp.** of Canada Ltd.

Francis Hodgkinson, 82, Toledo, O., mechanical engineer and inventor, who held 101 patents, principally on

steam turbines, died Nov. 4. He retired as consulting mechanical engineer of **Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.** in 1936 after 40 years of service for that company.

Casper Runk, 66, an operator of **Metals Disintegrating Co.** plant, Union, N. J., died Nov. 4 after an illness of several weeks.

Walter W. Landseidel, 57, chief research engineer for **Remington Rand Inc.** at Elmira, N. Y., was killed in an automobile accident Nov. 3.

Paul J. Seliskar, 34, chief standards engineer for **Parker Appliance Co.**, Cleveland, before ill health forced him into retirement two years ago, died Nov. 3.

Conrad J. Korner, 74, who established **Korner Sheet Metal Co.**, Cleveland, more than 50 years ago, died Nov. 5. He retired a year ago.



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TO HARD SPOTS—Defective and cracked castings now may be repaired without warping or distorting the parent metal by a metal-depositing process announced by Metalizing Co. of America, Chicago. The method, according to the company, is entirely different from any other form of adding metal in that fusion is attained without leaving hard spots. It also can be used for applying metals to mismatched surfaces, adding metal to patterns or for preparing hardened surfaces as a bond for sprayed metal.

PEEDS UP OPERATOR'S ACTIONS—Lathe machinists can lock their work into place as much as 10 times faster by employing a chuck being introduced for the first time by Vestcott Chuck Co., Oneida, N. Y. New development is reported to combine the speed of a lever-operated chuck with the powerful grip of a pinion-operated unit. Versatility of the device is increased by a new mounting plate. It can be used on a milling machine dividing head for example, or can be converted into a vise or machining fixture in connection with a drill press or miller.

LARGER BRASS COILS—Scovill Mfg. Co., Waterbury, Conn., revealed at the metal show in Cleveland that it now has equipment for producing brass strip and sheet from continuously-cast flat bars measuring $2\frac{1}{2}$ x 24 inches by 10 feet long and weighing 2000 pounds or more. The material is melted in large induction furnaces, continuously cast and cold rolled in equipment of advanced design. Five alloys are being commercially produced so far—70-30 cartridge brass, 5 per cent gilding metal, 90 per cent commercial bronze, 5 per cent red brass and 65 per cent yellow brass. Heavier coils mean less down-time for fabricators.

SIMULTANEOUS HARDENING AND BRAZING—A cutlery manufacturer has been making stainless steel knives by brazing the two halves of the handle in one operation, hardening the blade in another operation and finally soldering the blade into the handle. These three operations now are performed simultaneously in conveyor-type, atmosphere-controlled electric furnaces at the rate of 1000 pieces per hour, employing a new nickel-copper-zinc brazing alloy in wire form costing one-third less than the material previously used. The brazed joints are practically invisible. Developed by Argente & Wilbur Inc., Pawtucket, R. I., process is expected to have many other applications in cutting cost of fabricating steel products.

DUCTILE IRON "MASS" PRODUCED— More than 40 companies in many industries are now licensed under patents to produce ductile cast iron developed by International Nickel Co. Inc., New York. According to Don Reese, foundry expert and engineer, who announced the Patent Office's recognition of the material before a meeting of the Gray Iron Founders' Society in Chicago, as much as 700,000 pounds of the material have been made in one day by licensees, and as much as 200,000 pounds have been cast in one day at a single foundry. Even large castings requiring the pouring of 50,000 pounds of magnesium-treated molten metal for each casting have been produced by employing the technique of this new development.

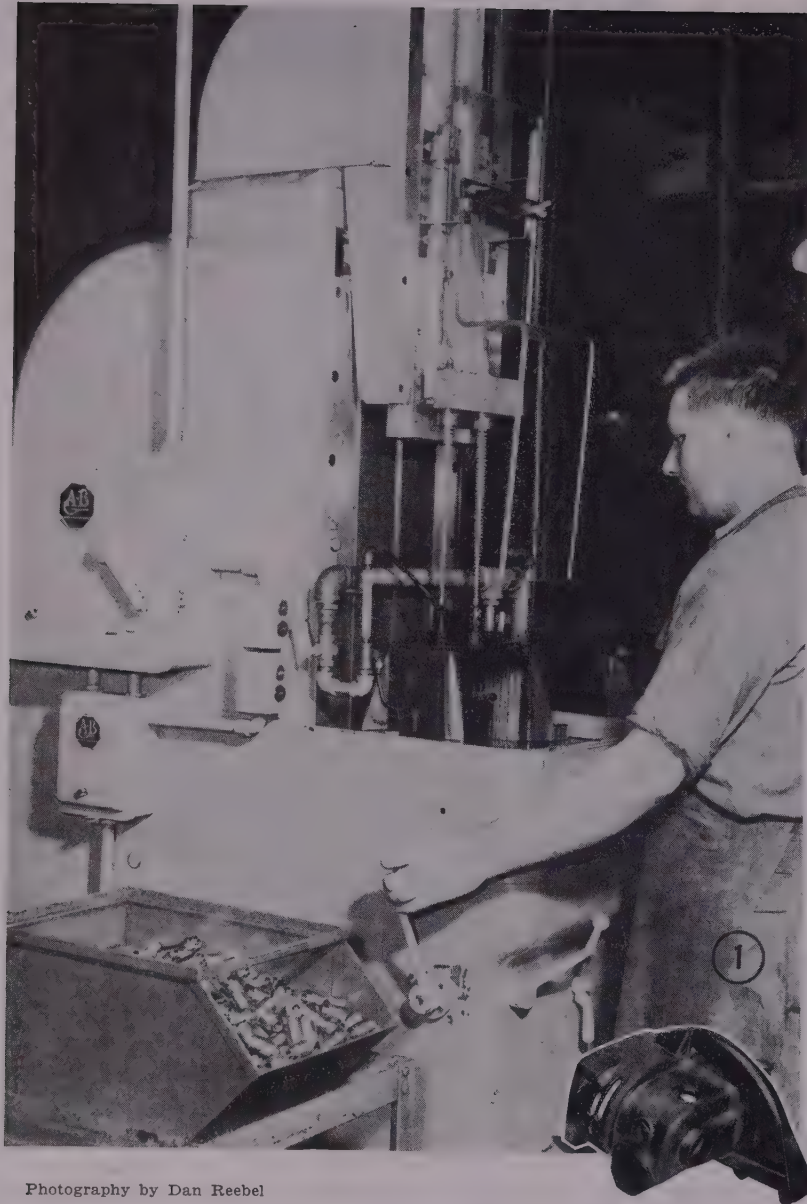
NO MANUAL HANDLING — Increased production and longer tool life are the advantages being derived by Skilsaw Inc., Chicago, in broaching worms used in portable tools. The broaching operation, which involves the cutting of eight splines in each part, is done on a 2-station machine equipped with broach retrievers. The operator never handles the broaches. This not only eliminates possibilities of broaches being dropped or nicked on hard surfaces, but also materially helps boost processing of the worms. Current production is about 400 units per hour. (p. 80)

LOW-COST JOINING—Cost of material required in making joints with a process currently used by Electric Railway Improvement Co., of Cleveland, is no more than the alloy rods used for brazed connections while that of initial equipment is negligible. Time required to actually make the joints is about one-fourth that employed in other methods. (p. 84)

CUPPING RANGE—In cupping thick steel blanks, tests performed with various dies show that the range of cupping depends to a considerable extent upon die contour. Possible diameter reduction increases either with the size of the die opening or with the average radius of the upper part of the die. It is pointed out that the tests are not sufficient to evaluate this effect definitely, although on cylindrical dies it is clearly revealed that maximum diameter reduction increases with increasing entrance radius. (p. 87)

ELIMINATING THE BUG—All high-chromium steels seem to have the peculiar property of galling or seizing when under very high pressure. In machining, the chips tend to weld fast to the nose of the tool producing what machinists call a "bug". Real answer to this problem is to use selenium or sulphur-bearing grades of stainless. Both sulphur and selenium reduce the galling and seizing tendency to produce brittle chips making the steels extremely free-cutting. (p. 102)

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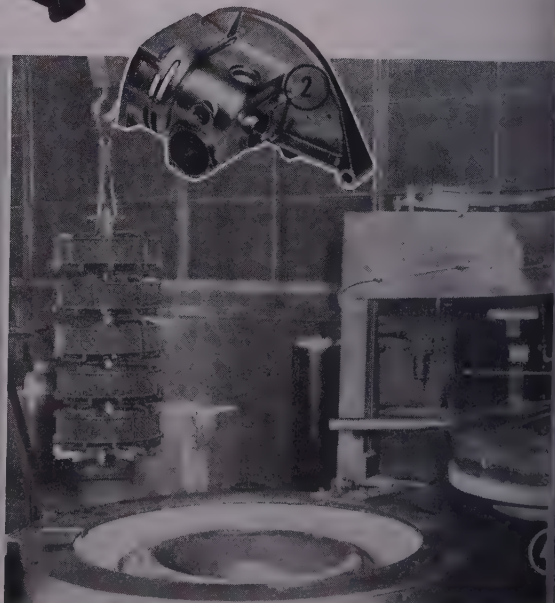
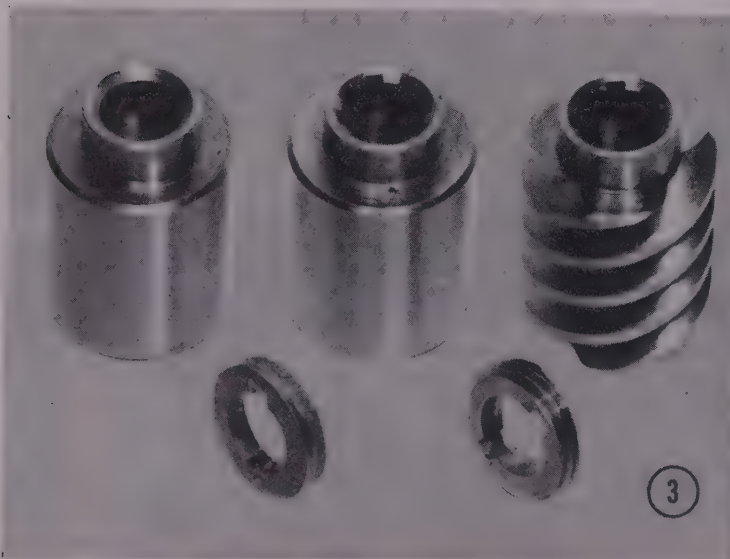
Fig. 1—Two-station vertical pull down hydraulic broach which cuts eight splines in worm shown here. Machine has broach retrievers and plastic shield to protect operator

Fig. 2—Cast aluminum alloy gear chamber housings are given an attractive durable satin finish by wire brushing. Unbrushed casting is shown at left, brushed casting at right

Fig. 3—Upper row, worm for portable tools in three stages of production. Left, blank as it comes from screw machine; center, part after it is broached with eight splines; right, finished worm hobbled in one pass. Extremely close tolerances are maintained on this part. Bottom, rim screw used on portable saw

Fig. 4—Gears for drills and grinders are carburized in this controlled-atmosphere electric furnace. To prevent nicking, parts are loaded into heat-resisting alloy baskets which are tiered up on a spindle and lowered into furnace by electric hoist

Fig. 5—View in radial saw assembly department. Shown are two assembly lines with one of two parts rack line in center. Saw assembly carts and parts racks are kept in straight line by steel pins sliding in steel channel embedded in the floor



EXPANSION

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A result of intensive engineering and experimental work pursued in the past several years, Skilcraft Inc., Chicago, manufacturer of electric and pneumatic portable tools, has added numerous new products to its line. In keeping with the resulting increased volume of business the company has found it necessary to expand its plant and manufacturing facilities at a rapid rate. Since 1938, when the first part of its present modern plant was completed, the company has built seven manufacturing additions and three warehouse units. The most recent expansion, finished and occupied within the past year, involved an expenditure of approximately half a million dollars.

Side by side with the development of new products has gone another phase of engineering which is less spectacular but most important, namely, the design of special tools, jigs and fixtures, and devising of methods for manufacture of the products. The department responsible for this work has grown considerably in recent years. During the present period of high wage rates and materials costs, the management contends that a quality product cannot be manufactured to sell at the proper price unless the advantage is taken of savings in time required to produce it. Company policy, therefore, is to use only the best and most modern tooling and manufacturing methods.

Current Practice — A few examples of current manufacturing practice will serve to illustrate how Skilcraft carries out this policy. These cover machining, heat treating, finishing and assembly operations.

One of the parts for portable tools produced by

How Skilcraft Inc. has modified its machining, heat treating, finishing and assembly operations to keep pace with increased volume of business is the story of careful planning based on intensive engineering and experimental work

interesting procedure is a worm approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long and 1-inch diameter. This worm, shown in the upper row of Fig. 3 in three stages of production from blank to finish hobbed, is made from Stressproof steel for the purpose of eliminating heat treating and consequent possible distortion. This steel has machinability or average machining rate of approximately 125 surface feet per minute, which is about 76 per cent of AISI bessemer screw stock B-1112.

The worm blank as it comes from a Brown & Sharpe automatic screw machine is shown at the left in Fig. 3. This part has a step hole of $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch and $\frac{7}{16}$ -inch diameters. These internal diameters are drilled, bored and step reamed to 0.0005-inch tolerance. Step reamer is of a cemented carbide design to maintain the tolerance indicated. The outside diameter is box tooled to within 0.001-inch tolerance with the use of high-speed tool bits. Concentricity between bore and outside diameter is held to 0.0015-inch total indicator reading. Tolerances such as these eliminate the need for grinding operations. Machining rate is 26 pieces per hour gross.

Next operation is to broach eight splines in the American vertical pull-down broach shown in Fig. 1. This machine is hydraulic and has two stations with broach retrievers. The operator does not handle the broaches. This results in increased production and longer tool life because the broaches are not subjected to the hazard of being dropped and nicked on hard surfaces. The splines have an inside diameter of 0.438-inch, outside diameter of 0.499-inch and tolerance is 0.0005-inch. Production of the splined worm, shown in the center in Fig. 3, approaches 400 pieces per hour. To protect the operator, the machine has a plastic shield or guard which moves up and down with the retriever so as not to interfere with loading.

Hobbing—Hobbing of the worm is performed on a Barber-Colman No. 16-16 gear hobbing machine in one pass, this being possible because of modern heavy-duty equipment and tooling in use and the relatively good machinability of Stressproof. Pitch diameter runout, or eccentricity, is less than 0.0015-inch. Production is at the rate of 8 pieces per hour. This part formerly was made from SAE 4615 steel





Fig. 6—Following carburizing, gears are quenched in oil, each basket being removed from the furnace and immersed individually

which required heat treatment. The change to Stress-proof has resulted in more precise worms and as pointed out previously has eliminated heat treating, thus avoiding distortion which might result from this operation. A finished worm is shown at the right in Fig. 3.

Another tool part produced in an interesting way is a ring screw used on the Skilsaw to hold a plastic window which indicates oil level in the tool. This part, shown at the bottom in Fig. 3, originally was considered for screw machine production and broaching, but was converted to punch press. It is $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch diameter and is punched from 5/32-inch cold-rolled strip steel in a two station progressive die. In the first station, a 7/16-inch diameter hole with two 3/32-inch keyways is punched; in the second the ring is blanked out. These blanks are tumbled to remove die burrs after which from 20 to 30 at a time are loaded onto an arbor and threads are chased on with a die head and chasers in a turret lathe.

Heat Treating—Gears used in drills and grinders manufactured by the company are heat treated in a Leeds & Northrup Homo Carb furnace. Gears are made from SAE 8620 or 4615 steel and must be handled carefully to prevent nicking. The practice, therefore, is to load the parts by hand into shallow heat-resisting alloy baskets which are quenched with the load. This prevents the parts from tumbling together when in a heated soft stage. Each basket with its load weighs between 50 and 75 pounds and five of them are tiered up on a spindle as shown in Fig. 4. By means of an electric hoist the charge is deposited in the furnace chamber.

The heat treating cycle consists of a carburizing treatment, oil quench, reheat and draw. For the quench, baskets are withdrawn from the furnace one at a time and quenched individually, as shown in Fig. 6. By the heat treatment employed, gears attain a hardness of 40 to 45 Rockwell C and pinions a hardness of 35 to 40 Rockwell C. The parts are airless blast cleaned in an American Wheelabrator unit using fine steel grit. A charge of rubber blocks or balls is placed in the Wheelabrator along with the gears to further prevent nicking.

Satin Finish—Housings of portable tools are aluminum alloy castings which are given an attractive durable satin finish by wire brushing. This type of finish is desirable not only because it is attractive

but also because the surface will not reflect light, scratch off, discolor or become tarnished. It is derived by close control of cleaning and wire brushing operations. Prior to brushing, the castings are washed thoroughly to remove oil. Factors which are important in the brushing operation and which are kept under constant control are brush wire size, speed and cleanliness. A gear chamber housing for a portable Skilsaw before and after brushing is shown in Fig. 2.

A radial saw manufactured by the company is a bench-mounted unit and is assembled by ingenious methods in a department set off from other operations in a separate building. A view in this department is shown in Fig. 5. Principal facilities here are two assembly lines 80 feet long with a parts rack line of the same length paralleling each.

Assembly of a saw starts with the placing of a welded sheet steel table on a welded steel assembly dolly or cart mounted on steel casters. Two of the carts are shown in Fig. 5, one at the extreme right and the other at the extreme left. One of the parts rack lines is shown in the center. The various saw parts are tiered up in groups on steel cast mounted conveyors or trucks supplied by Rack Engineering Co.

Straight-line Flow—A feature of the assembly operations, which is on a straight-line flow on the two assembly lines, is the method employed to guide assembly carts and parts racks in straight lines where they must be moved. Inset in the concrete floor are four lines on 7-foot centers and flush with the floor are Unistrut steel channels. Welded to each end of the assembly carts and parts racks are short lengths of steel pipe holding steel pins which drop into the channels. When the pins are seated in the channels, any movement of carts and racks can be in a straight line only. On the other hand, when the pins are removed, assembly carts can be moved sidewise and from the line and empty parts racks can be replaced with full ones.

Throughout its plant, Skilsaw has applied color dynamics developed by Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. This is utilized on machinery and equipment as well as the plant interior. Stratosphere gray is employed for ceilings; suntone for the upper section and vista green for the lower section of east and west walls; eye rest green for the upper section and vista green for the lower section of north and south walls. Store room colors are same as for the shop except that the low ceiling is white. Fire fighting equipment is focal red. All machinery is painted focal beige. Moving parts, focal yellow for handles, focal orange for electrical switches and vista green for bases of the machines.

The management points out it has found increased efficiency and fewer accidents as well as improved morale among employees since the color dynamics scheme was adopted. It observes that use of focal and eye-rest colors permit the worker to see his job better, eye fatigue is lessened and accident hazards are reduced. Another benefit has come from the attitude of distributors of the company's products who visit frequently. The neat, clean and attractive appearance of production facilities is impressive.

2 YEARS OF AMTDA: On Jan. 12, 1925, a group of men representing 12 companies engaged in the business of selling machine tools met in Cincinnati and organized what then was called the Associated Machine Tool Dealers of America—a name since changed to American Machine Tool Distributors Association.

On Oct. 31, 1949, a big banquet was held at Hotel Mason in Cincinnati to celebrate the 25th anniversary of what has grown to be a highly important link between machine tool builders and machine tool users. Since the presidency of the late George E. Merryweather, whom many of us remember as one of the great and delightful characters of the machine tool industry, AMTDA has grown from 22 to a grand total of 155 member companies from coast to coast. The number of well known machine tool builders present as guests at the 25th anniversary banquet personified to me the mutual understanding which I have seen developing over the past 25 years between men who build metalworking machines and men who use them. In a competitive world this partnership makes for a stronger America.

THE MONTANUS FAMILY: Through an introduction brought about by my good friend Al G. Bryant—who has the distinction of being thus far the only man who has served as president both of the National Machine Tool Builders' Association and of the American Machine Tool Distributors Association—it was my great privilege to be a guest of Paul, Dick and Frank Montanus at Springfield, O., on November 3.

Paul Montanus, president, Springfield Machine Tool Co. and his sons Dick and Frank, who are respectively vice president and secretary-treasurer of that company, represent the second and third generations of a family which over a period of 63 years has kept Springfield, O., on a par with Springfield, Mass., and Springfield, Vermont, as a recognized center of machine tool building activity.

The saga began in a little one-story building at the corner of Main and Western Avenues, when grandfather Philip Edward Montanus (Paul's father)—a wholesale druggist—decided to build lathes in collaboration with "Uncle Billy" Lodge of Cincinnati, the famous machine tool impresario who left his impression on many southern Ohio machine tool companies, including, of course, Lodge & Shipley.

At one time or another many noted machine tool men have been connected with the Springfield Machine Tool Co., among these being William Owen, Frank Kempsmith, Adolph DeLeeuw and Edward Miller. Over the entire 63-year history of the company, however, the Montanus family has continued to be the dominant force. In that period many other machine tool dynasties have risen and fallen, but this one still is going strong in the third generation.

As I see it, there are two good reasons for this. One is that the older Montanuses always have delegated authority to the younger ones—instead of attempting to dominate them. The other is that they never have tried to drive square pegs into round holes by trying to make machine tool builders out of

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Machine Tool Editor

Montanuses whose inclinations and talents lay in other directions. For instance, one of the third generation is a brain specialist—and a very good one.

The family is justly proud of the career of grandfather Philip, who in addition to founding the successful company also was one of the founders of the National Machine Tool Builders' Association, of which he served continuously as secretary from 1902 until 1909 and as vice president, 1909-10.

Respect for ancestors is a fine thing and there is a great deal of it in the machine tool industry. However, when a machine tool father has well-merited trust and respect for the engineering and manufacturing ability of his sons—as father Paul Montanus has for that of his sons Dick and Frank—that certainly does augur well for the future of a machine tool company. In my estimation, the industry as a whole could do with more of that kind of thing.

FROM MAN TO MACHINE: At the American Society of Tool Engineers' convention in Montreal on October 28, I had one of my more-or-less periodic and always interesting get-togethers with E. P. Blanchard, director of sales, Bullard Co. of Bridgeport.

This time Payse Blanchard, who was one of the speakers on economics of manufacturing, came up with an exceedingly interesting exposition of the progress of mechanization from man to machine. This he has diagrammed by a simple chart shaped like an inverted capital "L" under which is an inverted parabola.

What might be called the zero of mechanization starts at the point on the vertical leg of the diagram where the parabola starts to veer away from the straight line. That is the point where primitive man made a tool consisting of a stone fastened to a stick. As the parabola departs from the vertical at an increasing angle, we come to such points as "home industries," "the job shop," "limited lot production," "quantity production," "mass production" and "automatic continuous processes".

Step-by-step the man becomes physically less important and mentally more important, until somewhere at infinity, when the parabola meets the horizontal leg of the inverted "L", the machine is everything and the man is nothing in the physical sense. We haven't got there yet, but what with the increasing cost of man power and the increasing capabilities of automatic machinery it could be that we swiftly are headed for something approaching that infinity.

WELDING COPPER TO OTHER METALS

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During the last two years, applications have been worked out where connections can be made to flat and curved surfaces in both horizontal and vertical planes and in a range of wire sizes from No. 14 through 2000 MCM

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VERSATILE equipment and method for welding copper to copper or copper to steel in which no outside source of heat is required was recently developed by Electric Railway Improvement Co., Cleveland. Known as the Cadweld process, it is similar to Thermit welding with the exception that iron oxide has been replaced by copper oxide. Reduction of copper oxide by the aluminum used in the new process yields molten copper at about 4000° F and aluminum oxide slag.

In order to handle this reduction, a combination crucible mold is machined out of graphite. The graphite, plus a mounting, frame and clamp to hold the mold together, constitutes the welder.

In actual practice, the pieces to be welded together are first placed in the mold cavity and the welder clamped shut. Next, a small steel disk is dropped in the bottom of the crucible so that it covers the tap hole leading to the mold cavity and a factory prepared cartridge of copper oxide and aluminum powder dumped into the crucible. The bottom of each cartridge contains a few grams of starting powder which can be ignited by the spark from a flint gun. The starting powder in turn sets off the exothermic reaction. The molten copper melts through the steel disk and runs down over the pieces in the mold cavity, securely welding them together. Aluminum oxide slag remaining in the welder is then cleaned out before the next weld is made.

Only limitation of the process is that it must be used only with annealed cable. Within this field,

however, it will most satisfactorily meet any and standards that may be set up for a good electric connection.

Current Carrying Capacity Increased—Since the molten copper from the reaction is substantially pure copper (98 per cent by analysis) and cross sectional area of the connection is approximately 50 per cent greater than that of the cable, its current carrying capacity is substantially greater. These facts have been borne out by laboratory tests.

A common fault of most connectors is that they corrode. This leads to arcing and ultimate failure. With the new process this is impossible as every strand is welded into a homogeneous mass of copper.

Molds are designed so that the strands of the cable are sleeved well out beyond the weld. In tension the strength of the connection is limited by the strength of the annealed copper cable outside the weld. This is about 60 per cent of that of hard drawn cable.

Low Cost—Not only must the connection meet certain engineering standards but it must be economical as well. Material required to make a connection costs no more than the alloy rods used for brazed connections and the initial equipment cost is negligible. For example, the cartridge of powder required for a 4/0 "T" connection costs only 55 cents and an allowance of five cents per weld will more than cover the depreciation on the equipment.

Cleaning required is the same as that for a gas brazed, soldered or mechanical connection. Time required to actually make the connection is about

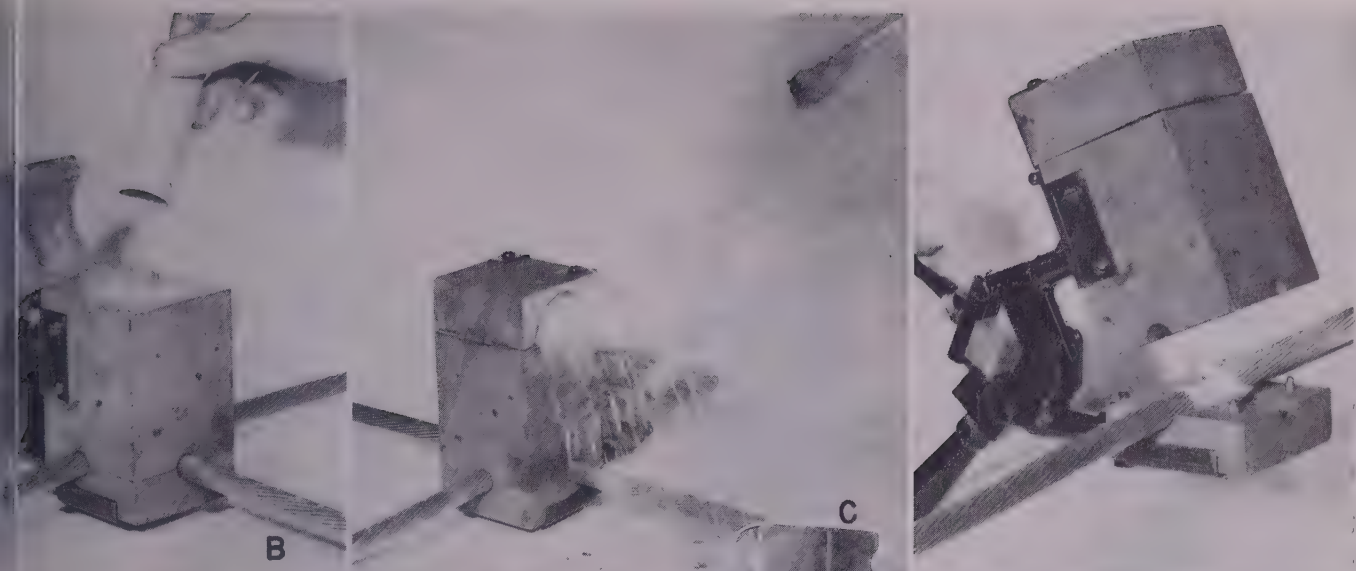
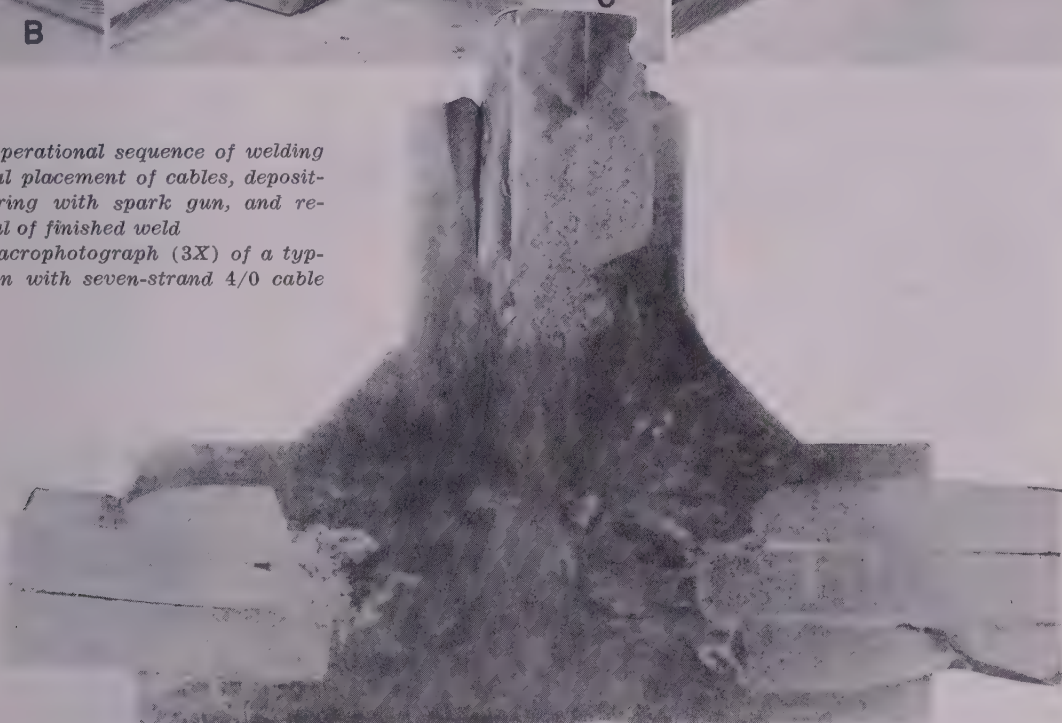


Fig. 1 (above)—Operational sequence of welding unit showing initial placement of cables, depositing of powder, firing with spark gun, and removal of finished weld

Fig. 2 (right)—Macro photograph (3X) of a typical "T" connection with seven-strand 4/0 cable



fourth of that required to make a brazed connection. No special welding skill is required and the quality of a weld can easily be checked by visual inspection. (Dirt or foreign matter produces puffy, porous welds.) The small, lightweight equipment weighs less than 2 pounds which saves time in moving from one location to another. Often time consumed going to a job and returning costs more than the job itself.

No Danger Involved—The process is not a hazardous one, and there is no danger from gas or fumes. Operators using the equipment should take the normal precautions one would use in handling small quantities of molten metal. If the equipment is wet, it should be dried out before using, as moisture will produce porous welds and steam generated from the intense heat is apt to blow molten metal out the top of the welder.

A wet welder can be dried out preparatory to making

a connection by simply plugging the mold cavity openings and igniting a cartridge of powder.

There is no danger in handling or storing the powder. Starting powder in the bottom or sealed end of the cartridge must be raised to a temperature of 800° F before it will ignite. The coarse powder, which is sometimes spilled in handling, must be raised to a temperature of 1800° F before it will react.

Probably the best indication of the safety of the process is the fact that the cartridge may be shipped without special marking or packaging.

Damage to cable insulation when making a welded, brazed, or soldered connection is largely a matter of the total heat applied. Since this is a function of temperature and time, damage done by using the process is less than with any of the relatively slower methods, even though maximum temperature is somewhat greater.

Insulation can be easily protected by simply wrapping a damp rag around the cable just outside the mold which serves to cool the outer strands while the heat from the weld is dissipated through the length of the inner strands.

Molds Are Versatile—Generally speaking, machin-

ing of the mold determines the type and size connection that can be made, nevertheless, the equipment is surprisingly flexible. A number of different connections can be made with a single mold by using a little "horse sense" and a few short pieces of asbestos tape. Wrapping the cable with the tape before clamping it in the mold or wrapping tape around the cable just outside the mold slot will prevent leaks when smaller cable is used than that for which the mold is designed.

This process has been used to weld more than 1 million signal bonds to steel rails on many of the leading railroads in the country. During the last three years, thousands of magnesium anode lead wire have been welded to steel structures in connection with work on cathodic protection.

Future of this type connection lies in the field where low resistance, high current carrying capacity and permanence are of utmost importance.

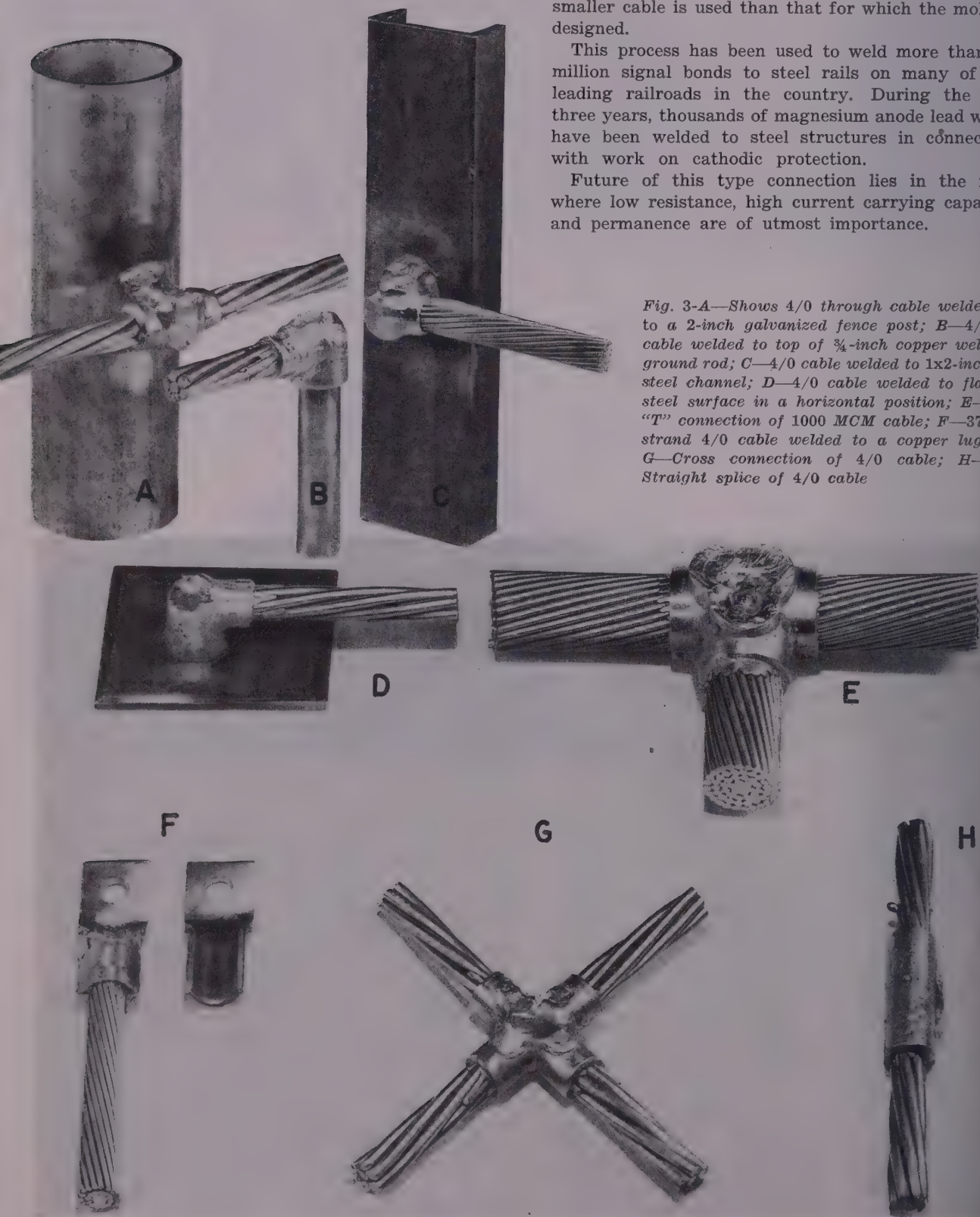


Fig. 3-A—Shows 4/0 through cable welded to a 2-inch galvanized fence post; B—4/0 cable welded to top of 3/4-inch copper weld ground rod; C—4/0 cable welded to 1x2-inch steel channel; D—4/0 cable welded to flat steel surface in a horizontal position; E—"T" connection of 1000 MCM cable; F—37-strand 4/0 cable welded to a copper lug; G—Cross connection of 4/0 cable; H—Straight splice of 4/0 cable

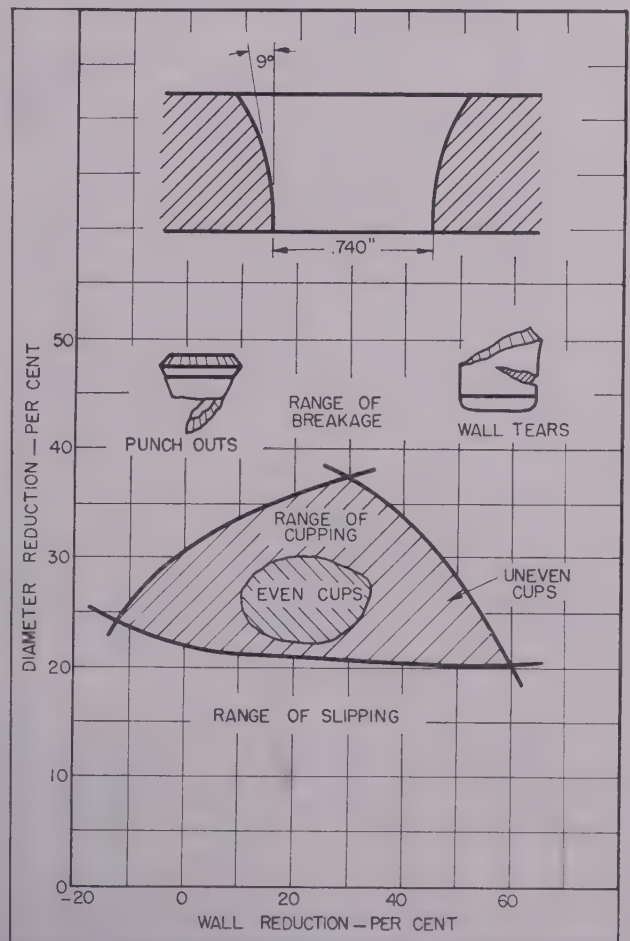
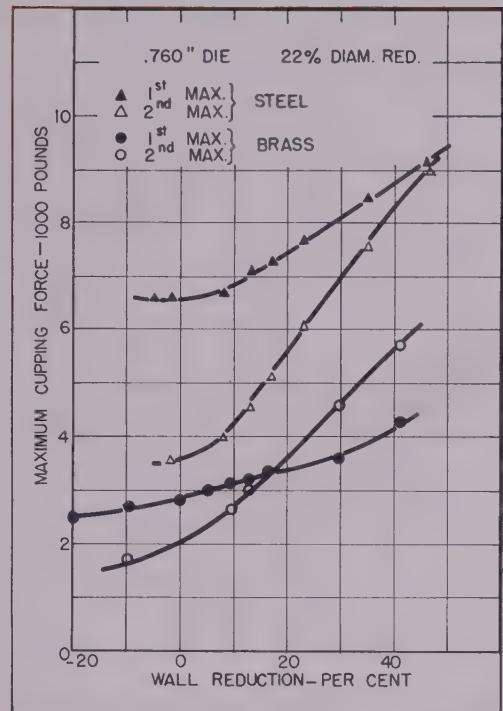
Cupping Thick Steel Blanks

Diameter reductions below 20 per cent cannot be performed. If punch diameter is less than 50 per cent of blank diameter, bottom of cup will be punched out. Tensile failures in the wall will occur if a reduction in wall thickness of more than approximately 30 per cent is attempted and if diameter reduction is large. These and other conclusions are set forth in this second and final part of the article

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FOR single die cupping, die contour also influences, to a considerable extent, the limit of reductions in diameter and wall thickness. The diagrammatic representation in Fig. 8 illustrates that a limited range of combinations of diameter and wall reductions result in shaping a cup from a blank. In addition, if the cup is expected to be even and not lopsided, the range of reductions which will yield such a cup is further restricted.

Defective Cups—Defective cups are of various types, each type determining a portion of the boundary of the possible reductions in the following manner: (a) Diameter reductions less than a certain limit cannot be performed because the blank will slip through the die, rather than cup. Limiting diameter reduction is usually in the vicinity of 20 per cent, decreasing slightly with increasing reduction in wall thickness. (b) If the attempted wall reduction is less than approximately 30 per cent, the bottom of the partially folded cup will punch out if too large a diameter reduction is attempted. This is readily explained since the force required for punching out the bottom should increase with the diameter of the punch. Assuming that no wall reduction occurs in the beginning of cupping and that the cupping force increases almost linearly with increasing diameter reduction, the possible diameter reduction should be roughly proportional to the punch diameter. In other words, the punch diameter must be at least 50 per cent of the blank diameter in order to avoid punching out during the initial shaping of the cup. (c) If a high wall reduction is attempted, 30 per cent or higher, tensile failure occurs in the lower part of the wall rather than a punch out. The differ-



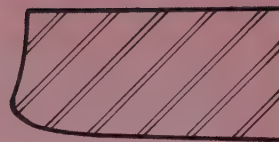
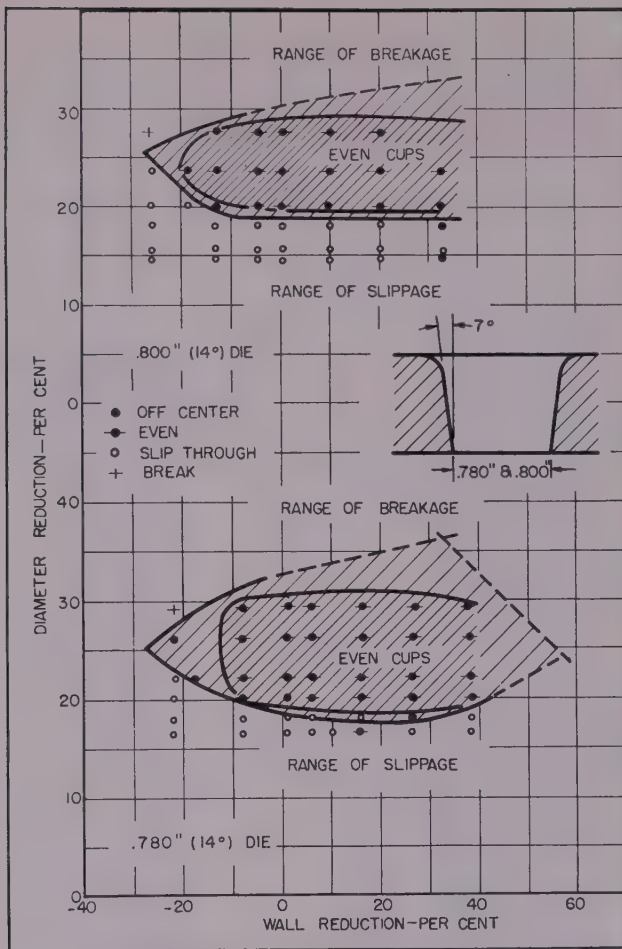


Fig. 9 (top, far left) —Effects of reduction in wall thickness and of diameter and of contour on limits of cupping

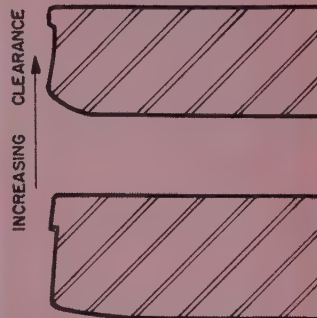
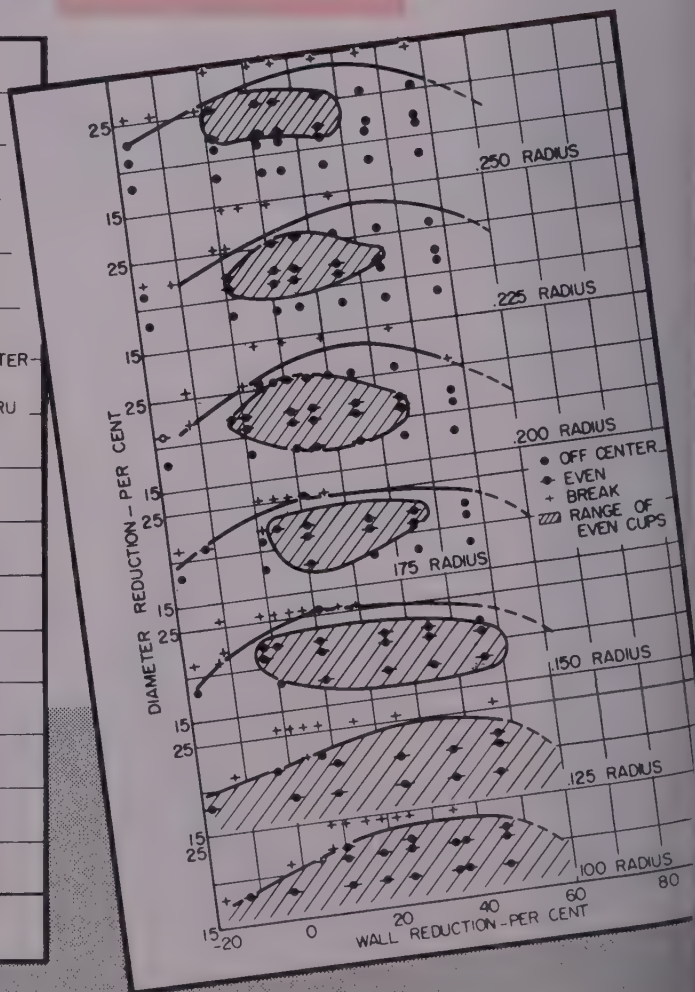
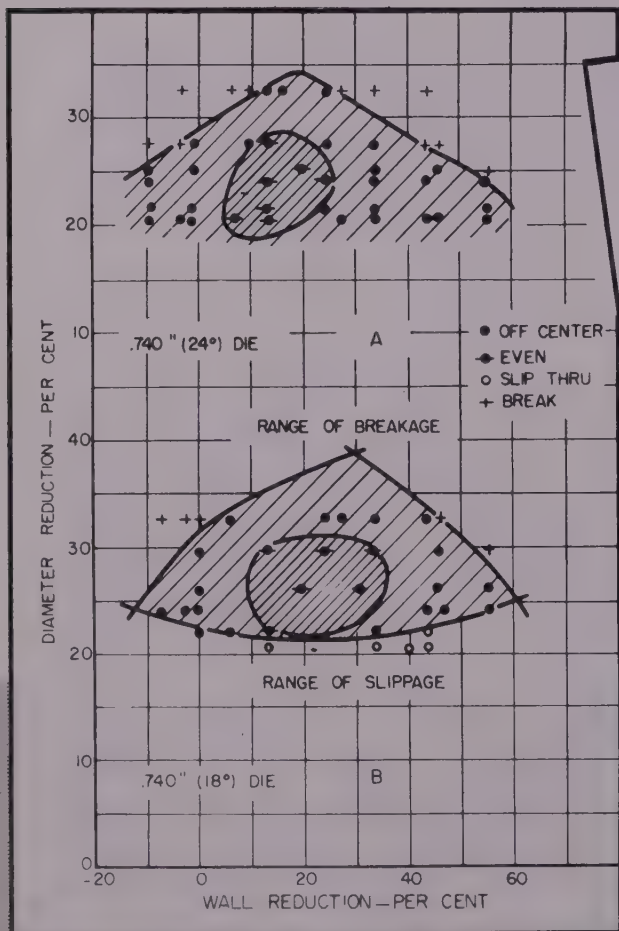


Fig. 10 (below, left) —Effects of reduction in wall thickness and of diameter and of die contour on limits of cupping



Fig. 11 (left) —Effects of blanking clearance on sheared edge of blank

Fig. 12 (below) —Effects of reductions in wall thickness and diameter and radius of die entrance on limits of cupping



ce between the two types of breaks is apparent from the fact that the possible reduction in diameter decreases with increasing wall reduction, if the danger of tearing prevails. Trend of this boundary portion of the cupping range is, without exception, such that the possible reduction in cross-sectional area from the blank rim to the cup increases with increasing reduction in wall thickness.

Thus, if it is desired to form a drawpiece in the least number of operations, or highest possible reductions per operation, a cup should be formed with a reduction in wall thickness close to the limit, sacrificing reduction in diameter. The maximum values of reduction in wall thickness performed in single drawing during these tests were approximately 60 per cent. If this is considered as an ironing process, a single die permits a reduction in cross-sectional area of almost 70 per cent and this figure disregards the considerable thickening of the rim of cupping proper. In other words, a single die having a suitable contour permits a maximum reduction in wall thickness which closely agrees with that obtained on redrawing, or ironing.

Range of Cupping—Tests performed with various dies, Figs. 9, 10 and 12 show that the range of cupping depends to a considerable extent upon the die contour. The possible diameter reduction increases either with the size of the die opening or with the average radius of the upper part of the die. The tests are not sufficient to evaluate definitely this effect. Regarding cylindrical dies, it is clearly revealed that the maximum diameter reduction increases with increasing entrance radius. However, a tapered die with a suitably contoured approach is superior to a radiused cylindrical die, in this respect. Regarding the effect of taper, it is observed that a small die angle permits heavier diameter reduction than a large die angle. With increasing reduction in wall thickness, the effect of the die contour decreases and practically all the tested dies permitted reductions in wall thickness of 60 per cent, if the diameter reduction was in the vicinity of 20 to 25 per cent.

Evenness of Cup—As previously mentioned, one requirement regarding a cup suitable for further drawing is evenness. A cup which becomes lopsided in drawing is not a good cup. It not only requires more metal because of the increased scrap and earlier thinning, but it also scores more easily, causes punch breakage, and, in particular, the resulting cup frequently has a nonuniform wall thickness which causes difficulties in the redraws.

One of the factors which considerably affects the evenness of a cup is proper lining up of the tools

in cupping. Three tools are involved: Blank guide, cupping die and punch guide, the relative position of which determines the evenness of the cup, and which must be perfectly lined up during the cupping operation. This problem is solved best by the use of a compound blanking and cupping die.

In the tests reported on, perfect lining up, i.e., guiding of the blank or of the punch could not be performed in all cases, because of the many sizes of blanks and punches used. Consequently, even cups were only obtained for a number of conditions for which proper guides were available. However, even under such conditions, some dies gave even cups while others produced lopsided cups. The differences in this respect were quite marked, and an attempt was made, therefore, to determine the drawing conditions conducive to even cups.

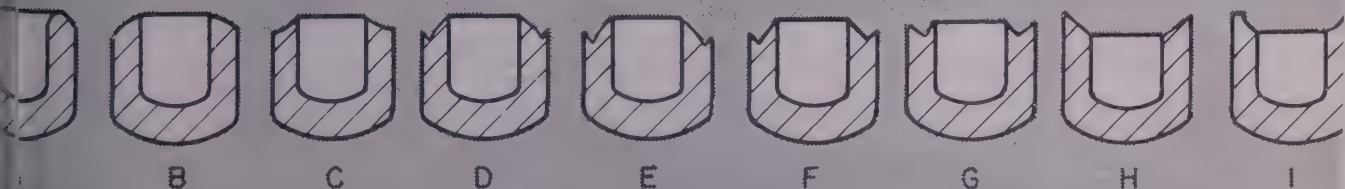
It was observed that with any die, even cups could be made only within a limited range of reductions in the center of the range of possible cupping, Fig. 8. This range of even cupping was, with some dies, very close to the total range of cupping, but with others restricted to a few combinations of reductions in diameter and in wall thickness. Center of the range of even cupping corresponds in practically all instances to a diameter reduction of approximately 25 per cent. With these reductions, all the investigated dies supplied even cups if the guiding was found to be adequate.

Also, if blanking and cupping are performed separately, the die opening should not be larger than the blank diameter. Otherwise the guiding is lost before the cupping begins. This is particularly true for blanks made with a large clearance and consequently, a tapered edge, which were found to be favorable regarding the edge of the cup.

The Opening—Regarding factors in die design which favored the evenness of the cup, it was observed, in the series of tests with radiused cylindrical dies that the tendency of the cups to become lopsided increased with increasing radius or die opening. The dies with very small radii, 0.10 and 0.125-inch gave even cups throughout the whole range of possible reductions. Unfortunately such dies are not favorable regarding the other requirements for cups. This effect of the radius at the approach is also confirmed by the results of the tests with tapered dies. Dies having a straight taper produced more even cups than dies which had a wide opening.

It appears possible to improve the guiding action and evenness of a cup by separate measures, such as the use of a blankholder or pressure pad, and the circular indenting or grooving of the bottom in combination with correspondingly shaped draw punches.

Fig. 13—Types of cup edges



However, it appears that grooving introduces or increases the danger of folds in the cartridge case head, which must be absent if proper firing is expected. On the contrary, indenting the bottom may be a possible solution, being present in forged blanks or being applied to an otherwise preformed cup as a separate bumping operation. Also, roughening

the punch tip by sandblasting or grinding might improve the evenness of a cup.

Quality of Cup Edge—Shape of the cup edge is an important feature in cartridge case drawing. In order that the greatest efficiency be attained in the subsequent drawing operations, the cup edge must possess a proper shape, Figs. 20a and b.

The experimentation reported here did not permit systematic variation of the many factors which are involved in cupping. Consequently, the problem was attacked in a statistical manner, by assembling the numerous cup edges obtained into three distinct types, namely: (a) An outside sloping edge, Fig. 13 a, b, and c; a V-edge, Fig. 13, d, e, f, and g; an inside sloping edge, Fig. 13, h and i.

During this experimentation, only one really satisfactory edge was obtained sloping to the outside with the slightest indication of a V or burr. The V-edge always broke sooner or later, during subsequent drawing. The inside sloping edge might be used if it is perfectly smooth. However, some tests showed for spheroidized SAE 1035 steel, that such a condition is more difficult to obtain than the outside sloping edge.

Types of Blanks—Before discussing the cup edges, it is necessary to describe the various types of blanks from which the cups were made. Difference in blanks arises from various clearances used in the blanking process, clearances ranging from 1 to 37 per cent. This clearance is the ratio of the difference in blanking tool diameters to the stock thickness. Fig. 11 illustrates types of blank edges which were obtained using various clearances. A small clearance blank had an edge which possessed a considerable burr. This burr resulted in a very ragged cup edge, which is a potential source of danger because small fragments of the edge will break off and scatter the die and the cup. Since both the life and cup quality are of paramount importance in commercial fabrication, such a potential danger must be eliminated.

Upon increasing clearance in the blanking process, the burr decreased and became less troublesome, until the point was reached where the blank had a smooth taper at the edge. This occurred when the blank clearance was upwards of 25 per cent. Fig. 11 illustrates that all of the blank edges obtained with various clearances have an initial taper beginning on the side opposite the punch, and the roughness or burr begins at a distance from the bottom depending upon the clearance used.

Evaluation of Results—Following the procedure was adopted in order to evaluate the results of cup edge studies. Dimensions and contours of the various types of cupping obtained in this investigation were measured.

TABLE III
FACTORS INVOLVED IN THE FORMATION OF THE CUP EDGE
OUTSIDE SLOPING EDGE

Contact Angle Degrees	Wall Reduction %	Diameter Reduction %	Blank Clearance %	Die Diameter Inches	Punch Diameter Inches	Blank Diameter Inches
45	37	23	20	.720	.535	.935
42	51	23	20	.720	.565	.935
28	15	21	20	.740*	.490	.935
24	15	22	11	.740*	.490	.950
24	30	22	11	.740*	.490	.950
24	30	22	11	.740*	.535	.950
26	30	24	27	.740*	.535	.975
30	30	26	20	.740*	.535	1.000
27	40	24	27	.740*	.565	.975
30	40	26	20	.740*	.565	1.000
30	24	26.5	20	.685	.490	.935
31	49	26.5	20	.685	.535	.935
32	49	28	11	.685	.535	.950
36	59	26.5	20	.685	.565	.935
26	30	24	3.3	.740	.535	.975
30	30	26	1.3	.740	.535	1.000
30	35	27	19	.685	.490	.935
32	50	28	29	.685	.535	.950
30	30	26	20	.740	.535	1.000
26	10	24	3.3	.740	.470	.975
30	47	27	1.3	.685	.525	.935
28	30	21	20	.740	.535	.935
27	40	21	20	.740	.565	.935
25	40	22	20	.740	.565	.950

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* 18° included angle (9° half die angle)

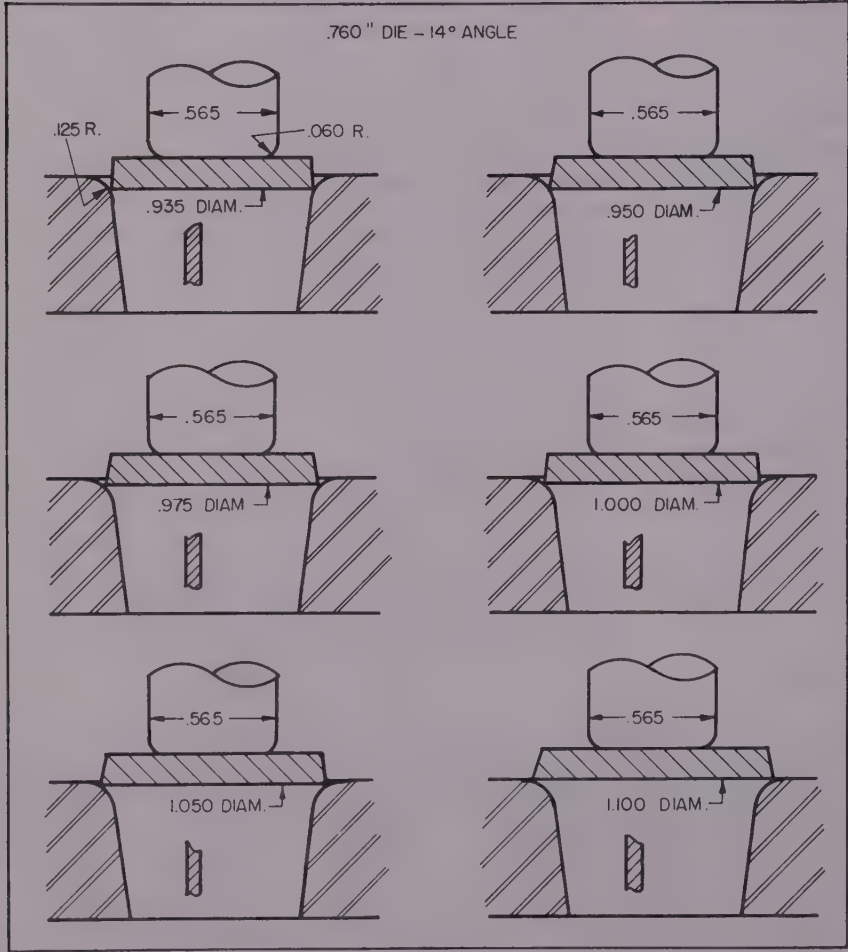
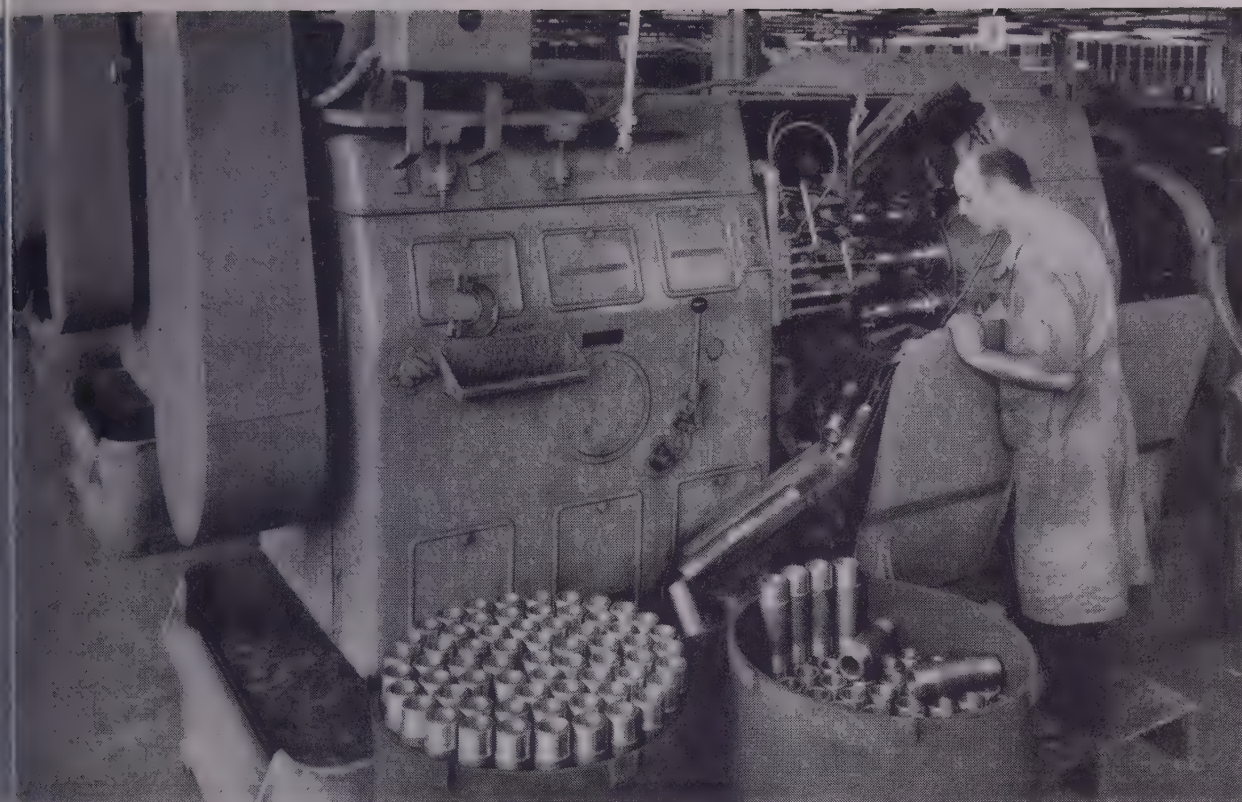


Fig. 14—Effects of tool dimensions and of blank size on cup edge



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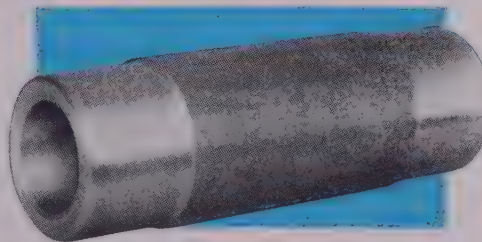
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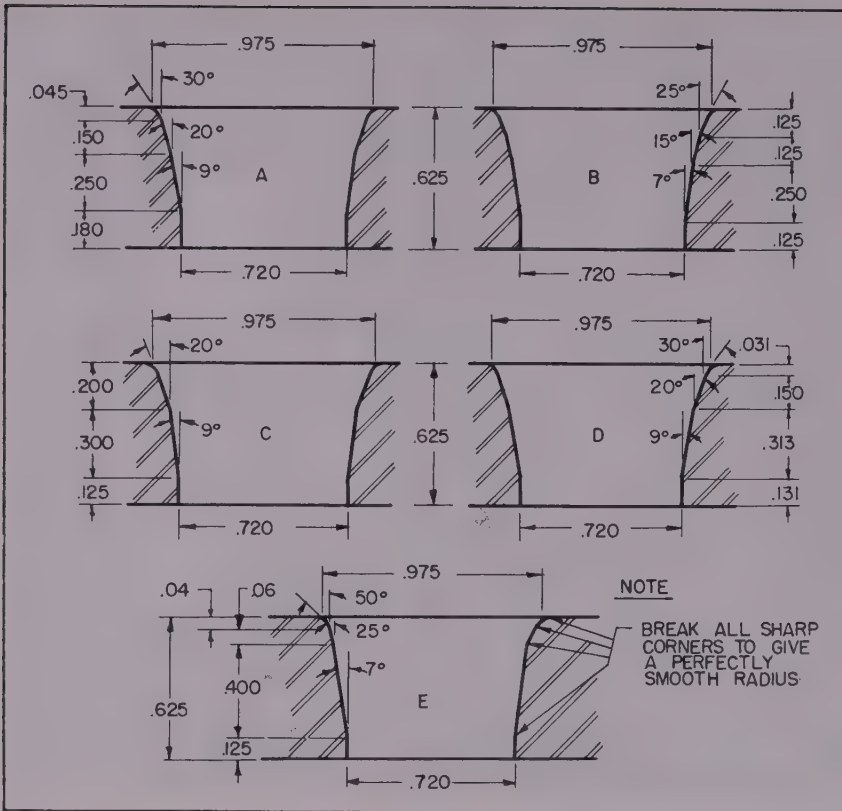


Fig. 15—Cupping dies developed for a 0.975-inch diameter blank

ured and an accurate sketch made of the cupping tools with blank in position for the cupping operation. Angle of contact of blank on the die opening was determined, the angle being measured between the vertical and the tangent to the point of contact of the blank on the die surface. A drawing of a cup which was obtained from a particular combination of die, blank and punch was added so that a complete picture of the cupping tools, blank and cup were presented. This procedure was followed for the various types of dies and different size blanks used in the investigation. The results were then assembled in Tables IV and V according to the results obtained on the cup.

From these tables, it may be concluded that each particular type of cup edge results from certain cupping conditions, which are determined primarily by the three factors: (a) Angle of contact between blank and die, (b) diameter reduction, and (c) reduction in wall thickness.

Angle of contact between blank and die is the fundamental factor regarding the cup edge. It was observed that if the angle was small, less than 25 degrees, the blank frequently slipped to one side and would not cup. This condition should be avoided because the blank slipping in this manner would throw the punch to one side, causing it to break. A favorable cup edge was obtained when the angle of contact was between 25 and 35 degrees, and preferably between 25 and 30 degrees.

Most common type of cup edge encountered in the investigation was the V-edge. This type of edge occurred when the angle of contact was between 35 and 60 degrees. This was the least desirable of the types mentioned because of the trouble which occurred in the redrawing operations. Depending upon the position of the V, either a ring or segments would break off in drawing if the bottom of the V was close to the outside edge, or a cold shut could be formed in the inner wall of the case if the bottom of the V was close to the inner wall. During free drawing the top of the case generally would break off at the cold shut.

Third type of cup, having the sloping to the inside, was obtained when the angle of contact ranged between 60 and 90 degrees. Although this type of edge was not as desirable as the V edge, it caused few difficulties under certain conditions if the blank possessed a burr around the periphery caused by a dull blank

TABLE IV
INSIDE SLOPING EDGE

Contact Angle Degrees	Wall Reduction %	Diameter Reduction %	Blank Clearance %	Die Diameter Inches	Punch Diameter Inches	Blank Diameter Inches
65	8	28	33	.760	.490	1.05
90	8	31	37	.760	.490	1.10
66	23	28	33	.760	.535	1.05
90	23	31	37	.760	.535	1.10
68	34	28	33	.760	.565	1.05
90	34	31	37	.760	.565	1.10
38	15	30	33	.740	.490	1.05
60	15	33	37	.740	.490	1.10
37	29	36	33	.740	.535	1.00
64	29	33	37	.740	.535	1.10
36	40	30	33	.740	.565	1.00
57	40	33	37	.740	.565	1.10
90	34	35	33	.685	.490	1.05
60	30	33	37	.740	.535	1.10
90	34	31	37	.760	.565	1.10
..	34	39	20	.705	.505	1.00
60	30	33	1.3	.740	.535	1.10
38	40	30	33	.740	.565	1.05
60	22	33	1.3	.740	.505	1.10
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61	27	31	29			

TABLE V
V EDGE

Contact Angle Degrees	Wall Reduction %	Diameter Reduction %	Blank Clearance %	Die Diameter Inches	Punch Diameter Inches	Blank Diameter Inches
50	22	23	20	.720	.490	.935
55	22	24	11	.720	.490	.950
55	53	26	27	.720	.565	.975
50	8	22	27	.760	.490	.975
43	8	24	20	.760	.490	1.000
40	23	18.5	11	.760	.535	.935
43	23	20	11	.760	.535	.950
48	23	22	27	.760	.535	.975
46	23	24	20	.760	.535	1.000
40	34	20	11	.760	.565	.950
42	34	22	27	.760	.565	.975
50	34	24	20	.760	.565	1.000
90	34	31.5	20	.685	.490	1.000
62	23	23	3.3	.760	.535	.975
43	32	24	20	.760	.535	1.000
58	0	25	1.3	.820	.505	1.100
58	40	30	3.3	.685	.505	.975
47	0	18	20	.820	.505	1.000
49	0	22	33	.820	.505	1.050
58	0	25	1.3	.820	.483	1.100
47	12	18	20	.820	.555	1.000
58	27	25	1.3	.820	.600	1.100
49	5	22	33	.820	.535	1.050
49	0	22	33	.820	.505	1.050
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TABLE VI
FACTORS DETERMINING THE TYPE OF CUP EDGE

Type of Edge	Angle of Contact	Reduction in Diameter	Reduction in Wall Thickness
Outside slope	25° to 35°	22% to 28%	Over 30%
Inside slope	Over 60°	28% to 35%	
V-Edge		All Other Combinations	

punch, it was observed that the burr was drawn into the inner wall of the cup, resulting in a cold shut in the subsequent drawing operations. If the outer wall of the cup was raised too high, subsequent drawing operations caused the top of the case to break in drawing, and score the die and case.

Angle of Contact — Reduction in diameter from the blank to the cup must be considered with the angle of contact, if the desired cup edge is to be produced. If the angle of contact is proper for either the outside or inside sloping edge, such an edge is only obtained for a restricted range of diameter reduction. This range is 22 to 28 per cent, preferably 25 per cent, for the outside sloping edge and over 28 per cent up to the possible maximum of 35 per cent for the inside sloping edge. All combinations of angle of contact and reduction in diameter except those mentioned resulted in a V-edge.

Reduction in wall thickness from blank to cup does not rate in importance with the preceding two factors, but a desired edge is obtained only when the reduction in wall thickness is also within a definite range. The outside sloping edge is favored when the reduction in wall thickness is greater than 30 per cent and preferably about 40 per cent. The large value tends to increase the slope of the edge to a greater extent than the lower values.

Inside sloping edge occurred at an average value of 27 per cent reduction in wall thickness. Table VI summarizes the important factors which determine the type of cup edge which will be produced.

Both blanks contained the volume necessary for fabricating 0.30 caliber steel cartridge cases by the three tandem die draw method, and resulted in final drawpieces with the head thickness within the desired limits of 0.155 to 0.180-inch. Some adjustment of head thickness could be made by a corresponding change of bumping depth.

Design of Cupping Dies — It is recognized that continuous curving of the working surface of the die represents the ideal shape. However, such a curve is difficult to define and to reproduce by means of a template. On the contrary, a series of tapers can readily be laid out and machined, and transformed into a continuously smooth curvature by

blending the tapers. Consequently, this latter procedure has used throughout the investigation.

Of the group of dies used with the blank of 0.975-inch diameter and 0.147-inch thickness, Fig. 15, the A, B and D dies resulted in satisfactory cups. The C die caused two punches to break on two successive cupping operations. The E die with a large angle of contact (50 degrees) resulted in a cup which possessed a V edge and was not considered as acceptable for subsequent drawing.

Conditions for proper cupping of a thick (spheroidized, 3.35 per cent carbon) steel blank of heavy gage were confirmed by the experience with experimental dies, limiting the optimum condition approximately as follows:

Diameter reduction: 25 \pm 2 per cent. Reduction in wall thickness: 35 \pm 5 per cent. Angle of contact between blank and die: 25 degrees \pm 5. Blanking clearance: 30 \pm 5 per cent.

Variations of die design within these limits appear to be of minor influence on the condition of the cup. However, it appears that a die with a shorter working surface or a large average die angle is superior to a die with a long working surface or a small average die angle regarding pickup.

These data apply to a blank the thickness of which is 14 to 15 per cent of the diameter. It is possible that the conditions conducive to a perfect cup are less critical for a comparatively thinner blank.

Conclusions — Diameter reductions below 20 per cent cannot be performed because the blank will slip through the die. If the punch diameter is less than 50 per cent of the blank diameter the bottom of the cup will be punched out. Tensile failures in the wall will occur if a reduction in wall thickness of more than approximately 30 per cent is attempted and if the diameter reduction is large (over 30 per cent). With small diameter reductions, very large reductions in wall thickness can be performed.

Even edged cups can be produced only within a certain range of diameter and wall reductions, the center of the range for most dies being approximately 25 per cent reduction both in diameter and wall thickness. The range varies for different designs of the cupping die. Dies possessing a small entrance radius, 0.100 to 0.125-inch, and also a straight taper favor the production of even cups.

Proper guiding of the tools must be maintained to insure an even cup.

Contour of the cup edge depends upon all factors which can be varied in cupping, such as (a) quality of the blank edge, (b) angle of contact between blank and die, (c) reduction in diameter from blank to cup and (d) reduction in wall thickness. The blank edge should possess a smooth taper which is obtained by the total clearance between blanking tools is more than 25 per cent of the blank thickness.

Angle of contact between the blank surface and the surface of the die approach is the most important factor and should be between 25 and 35 degrees for the production of an outside sloping edge, and upward of 60 degrees for an inside sloping edge, such edges favoring the reduction. Two factors must be considered together in order to produce a cup with a good edge: The diameter reduction from blank to cup and the angle of contact of blank and die.

For the outside sloping edge the diameter reduction should be preferably 25 per cent. Inside sloping edge requires the diameter reduction to be approximately 30 per cent (more). All other combinations of diameter reduction and angle of contact resulted in a V-edge. The reduction in wall thickness is of secondary importance, but in order to obtain the best possible cup edge, the reduction in wall thickness for the outside sloping edge should be between 35 and 40 per cent.

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Malleable Casting Manual

HUMOROUS illustrations scattered throughout a 92-page manual Shock Proof malleable castings with the light touch without sacrificing the information about the proper Applications of the casting, table of milling speeds, users' specifications and finishing operations are thoroughly covered. Available from City Malleable Co., Cleveland manual also includes information on standard malleable and high strength malleable castings.

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Oxygenated Air

Economics of oxygen utilization, temperature obtainable and combustion characteristics can be demonstrated as a result of data being assembled in an AGA study of gas-air-oxygen combustion

POSSIBILITY of using oxygenated air in industrial gas combustion processes has attracted interest recently following the development of commercial oxygen at low cost. To analyze and evaluate the fields of advantageous use for this method of combustion, and to determine the present technical status and future technical needs for the gas industry in this intriguing field, the American Gas Association's committee on industrial and commercial gas research commissioned Surface Combustion Corp., Toledo, O., to make an extensive engineering study of the subject.

The report presented at the Association's thirty-first annual convention in Chicago, Oct. 17-20, by E. G. de Coriolis, director of research, and Jack Huebler, research engineer, Surface Combustion Corp., Toledo, indicates in general that low-cost oxygen ranging from 20 to 50 cents per 1000 cu ft is now or will shortly be available for commercial utilization. Purity of the oxygen, remainder being nitrogen, and equipment now available makes it possible to hold the product gas to a reasonably constant analysis.

Higher Temperatures Used—Although it is common knowledge that when air is enriched with oxygen for combustion the flame temperatures generated are generally greater, there is little concrete information available to the design engineer regarding combustion properties of utility gases using the enriched air. In recent years, Mr. de Coriolis observed, considerable interest in utilizing temperatures higher than those normally obtained in gas-air combustion has been growing in a variety of fields. Because of the efficiency limitations of ordinary air-gas combustion in the temperature ranges above 2000° F, utilization of utility gases has been in active competition with installations using electric power as a source of energy.

Continuing, he said that present interest in cheap oxygen raises the question of how the ordinary design factors are altered when the air for combustion is enriched with oxygen. Such questions arise as: What temperatures can be attained when, for example, perfect combustion is maintained with natural gas and the oxygen content of the air varied upwards to pure oxygen? How are the burning characteristics changed? What ignition and maintenance problems are involved? What refractories can be used? What means of control are possible? What elements of safety must be included? What efficiencies can be obtained? And, finally, what is the cost?

Economic Questions—Generally speaking, Mr. de Coriolis stated it can be predicted that with oxygen enrichment the flame temperatures

that will be obtained will be higher, the ignition limits wider and combustion velocities greater, but specific information is required. From an all-important economic standpoint the engineer must be able to answer questions of the following nature: With cost of natural gas at 50 cents per 1000 cubic feet and cost of oxygen at 25 cents per 1000 cubic feet, if a furnace temperature of 2500° F is required, is it cheaper to use oxygen-enriched air, pure oxygen or pure oxygen? Questions regarding cost of the process, its desirability and other similar factors come up and it is possible today without a great deal of laborious calculations to give the answers.

Furthermore, it would be impossible for most industrial gas men to carry out the calculations involved without loss of a great deal of time. It was the purpose, therefore, of the American Gas Association's Industrial and Commercial Research Committee, in sponsoring the present search, to provide as fully as possible that information which is required to answer the foregoing types of questions and to present it in a form which is desirable from the standpoint of engineering design. A part of this information is present in the literature, part can be calculated from fundamental data, while the remainder will necessarily be found only by experiment.

The paper which Mr. de Coriolis presented dealt primarily with calculation of flame temperatures, available heats for various pure industrial gases. Results were presented in only enough detail to show the scope, direction and value of the work.

Reasons for Using Oxygen—A variety of possible reasons exists as to why it will become desirable to use oxygen or oxygen-enriched air to burn utility fuel gases, he pointed out. Most obvious, of course, is the possibility of reaching temperatures above those possible with cold air. Use of oxygen has the advantage of giving wider ignition limits and higher combustion velocities. The greatly reduced volume of flue products available Btu coupled with the increased burning velocities should allow a far greater intensity of heat release to be realized. This important property may be responsible for far-reaching changes in industrial practices. Potentialities of oxygen in this connection can be realized only by experiment and are part of a continuing investigation.

An additional important property of oxygen-enriched combustion may come as a surprise to some, Mr. de Coriolis asserted. Advent of 1

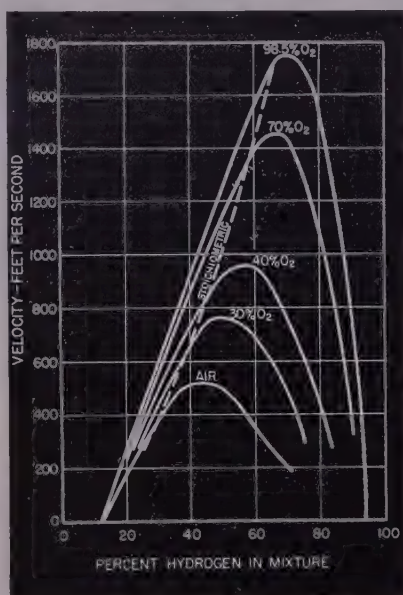


Fig. 1—Normal combustion velocities of hydrogen as a function of oxygen enrichment

most oxygen makes it actually more economical to use oxygen enrichment in processes already in existence. Economics of the use of oxygen, of course, depend upon the operating temperature and relative costs of the fuel and oxygen. A general economic analysis is impossible to make because cost of both fuel and oxygen vary widely. Cost of manufactured and natural gas depends upon the location of the country. Cost of oxygen depends upon the size of the plant, its location and the desired purity. To illustrate the use to which the calculated data may be put in this connection, certain assumptions as to cost have been made and an economic analysis carried out.

Two oxygen costs have been assumed to be 20 and 40 cents per 1000 cubic feet of 97 per cent pure oxygen. This price is believed to be realistic since it includes operating and maintenance costs as well as amortization of capital investment. Natural gas is assumed to cost 50 cents per thousand cubic feet and manufactured gas to cost 35 cents per thousand. Flue gas temperatures of 3000, 2500 and 2000° F have been assumed.

Calculation Method—Assuming natural gas to cost 50 cents, oxygen to cost 20 cents, flue gas temperature to be 3000° F, and oxygen-air mixture to be such as to yield 50 per cent oxygen, and referring to tables that have been prepared, it is shown that heat is 528 Btu per cubic foot and that perfect combustion will require 1.595 cu ft of oxygen per cubic foot of gas. Therefore, for each 100,000 Btu of heat required, 100,000 divided by 528, or 189 cu ft

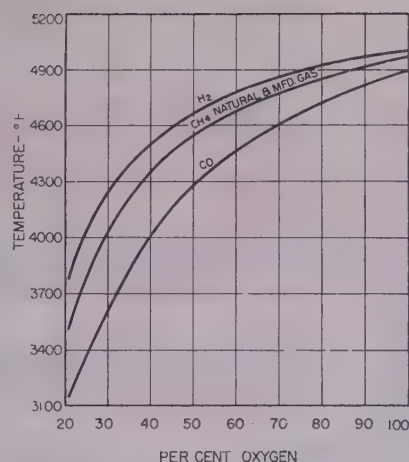


Fig. 2—Theoretical flame temperature as a function of per cent oxygen

of gas must be burned. The oxygen requirement will be 189 or 1.595, or 302 cubic feet. Gas cost, therefore, is 0.189×50 , or 9.45 cents, and oxygen cost is 0.302×20 , or 6.04 cents. Thus, total cost becomes 15.49 cents per 100,000 Btu of useful heat. Enough of these calculations have been made to plot curves.

These curves show that an economic advantage may be obtained by use of oxygen at fairly low temperatures; temperatures well within present-day operating limits. For example, with either natural or manufactured gas and 20-cent oxygen a substantial saving is made at 2500° F. As a practical example of the scope of these savings one might consider a furnace design to heat rapidly steel blanks for forging. A typical furnace of this type might operate

with a flue gas temperature of 3000° F and an available heat demand of 4 million Btu per hour. From the proper curve it will be found that the cost per hour using air is \$10.50, using 40 per cent oxygen is \$6.50, and using 97 per cent oxygen is \$5.70. If technical reasons do not prevent use of oxygen, savings of over \$100 a day may be realized with 20-cent oxygen on this single furnace.

Other Problems—In concluding his presentation, Mr. de Coriolis said that although it will be possible as a result of the data being assembled in the study of gas-air-oxygen combustion to demonstrate the economics of oxygen utilization, temperatures obtainable, and combustion characteristics, there are a number of equally important problems to be solved. New burners will be required. Simple means for controlling the triple mixture of gas, air and oxygen must be developed. Furnace construction may be altered in regard to size, shape and burner placement. New safety procedures may be required. New ceramics will be required. In spite of the widespread work being done on refractories, the need for specific ceramic developments pointed toward this field is indicated. An additional associated problem is the influence of oxygen enrichment upon the noise generated during combustion.

It is not probable, the speaker added, that solution of these problems will be immediately forthcoming, but the purpose of his presentation was to indicate the course ahead, based on a thorough study of presently known technical and nontechnical facts.

Plant Maintenance Show

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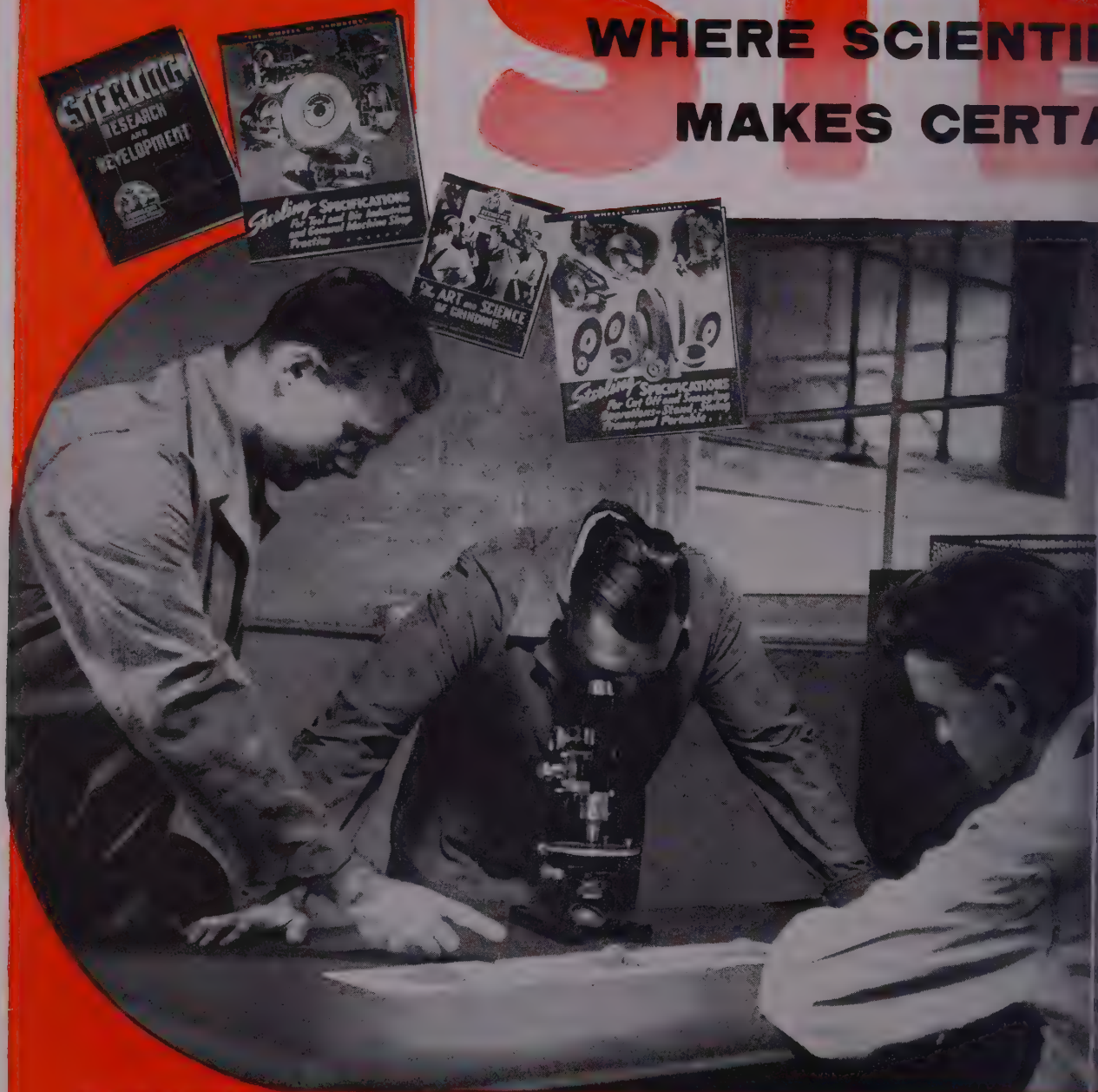
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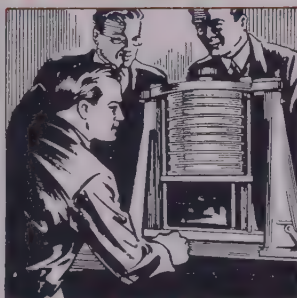
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Presented herewith are descriptions of the various types of stainless steel together with a discussion of their physical properties, fabrication considerations and indicated uses

Production of STAINLESS STEEL

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PART III

EACH of the various types of stainless steel serves a definite purpose and differs from any of the others. The chrome-nickel types will be discussed first.

Type 302 is the typical general purpose "18-8" stainless steel. It contains an average of 18 per cent chrome, 8 per cent nickel and 0.08 to 0.15 per cent carbon. This analysis represents the workable minimum amount of chromium and nickel consistent with good corrosion resistance and stability of structure in manufacture and fabrication. There are hardly any steels which will show in the annealed condition the great amount of toughness exhibited by the chrome-nickel stainless steels as represented by type 302 which shows the following physical properties as compared with type 410, a straight 13 per cent chromium stain-

less steel discussed in more detail later.⁵

	Type 302	Type 410
Tensile strength psi	90,000	75,000
Yield strength 0.2 per cent off set psi	35,000	40,000
Per cent elongation	60	30
Per cent reduction of area	70	75
Izod impact, ft.-lbs.	110	90
Brinell hardness	150	150

Type 304 is very similar to type 302 excepting that it contains 0.08 per cent maximum carbon instead of 0.08 to 0.15 per cent. This lowering of the carbon increases corrosion resistance to some extent but the greatest asset is the lessened sensitivity to deterioration during welding. When chrome-nickel austenitic stainless steels, such as type 302 are heated to temperatures around 800 to 1500° F corrosion properties are materially decreased and physical properties are also somewhat impaired. This is due to a precipitation of chromium carbide at the grain of the metal (as previously discussed) with the result that the metal at the grain boundaries loses its chromium and consequently loses its corrosion properties. Recognition of this phenomenon is of importance in welded structures because there will always be certain areas adjacent to the weld metal which will have to be heated within the range of 800 to 1500° F and if put into service in this condition, preferred attack will take place in these areas. To avoid this without reworking, it is necessary to reanneal the whole structure and this is done by heating to 1900 to 2100° F and quenching in water. This treatment puts the chromium carbides back in solution again. The Strauss test which evaluates this precipitation was previously discussed under corrosion.

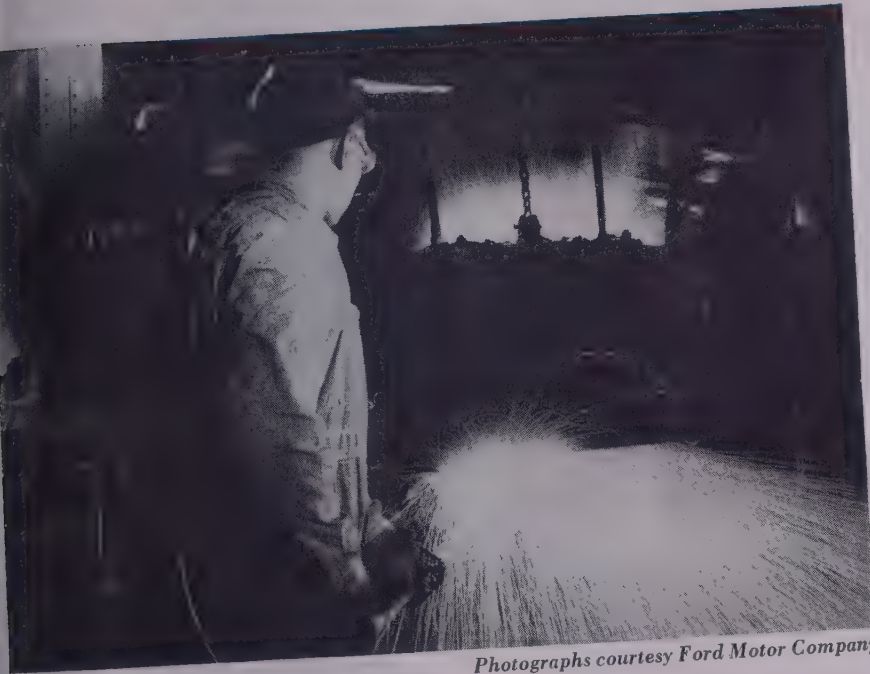
To completely avoid this intergranular attack columbium or titanium is added to the alloy. Type 321 is the columbium bearing and type 321 the titanium bearing grade. Function of the titanium and columbium is to effectively combine with the carbon in the steel; this is accomplished because both titanium and columbium have a very strong affinity for carbon. The result is that it is then no longer possible



Fig. 12—Lathe chips illustrating the effect of selenium or sulphur on the machinability of chrome-nickel stainless steel. Continuous chip on left shows tough nature of type 304. Pile of small chips on right indicates free-machinability obtained by the addition of selenium

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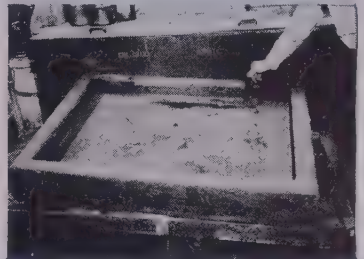
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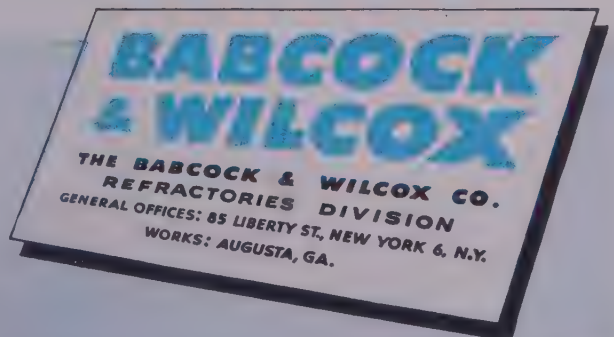


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chromium carbide to precipitate at the grain boundaries because all carbon is tied up as columbium or titanium carbide. To be effective, it is necessary to add definite amounts of columbium or titanium. Generally, the amount of columbium is ten times the carbon, and the amount of titanium five times the carbon. The reason that it takes a larger weight of columbium than titanium is that each atom of columbium weighs approximately twice as much as each atom of titanium, and as each atom of columbium or titanium combines with one atom of carbon, the important criterion is the number of atoms available for combination with the carbon. The columbium addition has a further advantage in that it increases

the high temperature strength. It is for this reason that the titanium bearing type 321 material is preferred for making seamless tubing by piercing. On the other hand, type 347 is generally preferred for making welded tubing because columbium types are better than titanium types.

It was early recognized that severe corrosion resistance and freedom from intergranular attack could be obtained by decreasing the carbon limit to 0.03 percent carbon maximum, and recently alloys of this type have been offered to the trade.

Because of their excellent toughness, the 18-8 types of stainless steel are more difficult to machine than many steels. In addition, they have a marked tendency to work harden so that if tools are not kept sharp cutting proceeds with difficulty. To answer this problem of machinability, type 303 was developed. Increased machinability was obtained by the addition

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of selenium or sulphur to the extent of about 0.20 to 0.30 per cent. The resulting selenides or sulphides act as a lubricant and also cause the chips to break up during machining as shown in Fig. 12. In evaluating machinability of the various grades of free-machining stainless steels, one should consider not only the speed with which they can be machined, but also the type of finish which can be produced. Improvement in machinability is reflected somewhat in the tensile properties as indicated by the following:

	Type 303	Type 302
Per cent elongation	50	60
Per cent reduction of area	55	70
Izod impact ft-lbs.	80	110

Austenitic stainless steels cannot be hardened by heat treatment and one must rely upon cold work to produce increased tensile strength and hardness. Type 301 was especially developed for high strength. This was accomplished by lowering nickel content to about 7 per cent. When nickel is lowered in this manner, austenite in the steel becomes less stable so that when cold worked it tends to transform over to the martensitic condition, the presence of which structure definitely increases tensile strength. This change makes the steel slightly magnetic. The following is an example of the increase in physical properties that may be obtained by using type 301 as compared with the regular grade, type 302⁶.

Comparison of Properties—Cold Drawn 40	Per Cent in Reduction	
	Type 301	Type 302
Tensile strength, psi	220,000	195,000
Yield strength, 0.2 per cent off set, psi	180,000	165,000
Per cent elongation	10	10
Rockwell hardness	C-42	C-40

It is frequently desirable to have an austenitic stainless steel which will not work harden too much during forming, such as in the manufacture of cold headed and deep drawn articles. As discussed under type 301, it was shown that work-hardening could be increased by decreasing the nickel. Likewise work hardening characteristics can be decreased by increas-



Fig 14—Testing stainless steel bar for hardness on a Brinell hardness machine to check efficiency of heat treatment

ing the nickel. The increase in nickel content stabilizes the austenite so that even during severe deformation there is no transformation to the hard martensite structure. Type 305 containing about 20 per cent nickel is selected for these severe cold forming operations. A comparison of physical properties after 68 per cent cold reduction, shows:

	Type 305	Type 302
Tensile strength, psi	189,500	214,000
Rockwell hardness	C-41	C-40

Type 305 is also used where the finished part must remain strictly non-magnetic after severe deformation. For example, under a magnetizing field strength of $H = 100$ Gauss, the permeability of type 305 cold rolled 68 per cent reduction is 1.88 as compared with only 1.068 for type 305.

As chromium content of the chrome-nickel stainless steels is increased to 20 per cent chromium, there is a marked improvement in the resistance to oxidation at elevated temperatures. To meet requirements for high temperature applications, types 308, 309 and 310 containing 20 per cent chromium, 11 per cent nickel; 23 per cent chromium, 13.5 per cent nickel; 25 per cent chromium, 20 per cent nickel, respectively, were developed. Increase in nickel content with increase in chromium is necessary to maintain the austenitic condition of the steel. Resistance to high temperature oxidation increases with the chromium content. These steels not only have excellent high temperature properties but afford better general corrosion resistance than the straight 18-8.

The scaling resistance of 18-8 may be improved not only by adding chromium but by the addition of silicon as well, and furthermore the improvement can be made with less increase in cost. Although scale



Fig. 15—Chipping surface of stainless steel billets to remove defects too deep for removal by grinding

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Resistance is increased with the addition of silicon, corrosion resistance is generally decreased and this is especially true in nitric acid. Types 302-B and 314 represent the silicon modified 18-8. Type 302-B is the same in analysis as type 302 excepting that it contains 2 to 3 per cent silicon. Type 314 on the other hand is similar to type 310 excepting that it contains 1.5 to 3.0 per cent silicon.

The resistance to corrosion of 18-8 types can be improved especially with regards to specific corrosive agents by the addition of various elements such as copper and molybdenum. The most important alloys commercially available are those containing molybdenum typified by types 316 and 317. Type 316 contains 2 to 3 per cent molybdenum and type 317, 3 to 4 per cent molybdenum. Because the addition of molybdenum promotes the formation of ferrite and because it is desired to keep the steel entirely austenitic, the nickel content is increased when molybdenum is added. For example, type 316 contains 10 to 14 per cent nickel and type 317 11 to 14 per cent nickel as compared with only 8 to 10 per cent nickel in the regular 18-8, but even then, especially when nickel is, on the other side these alloys will contain some ferrite. The molybdenum especially increases the resistance to sea water and has the further advantage of increasing the elevated temperature strength of the steels.

Type 410 is the basic straight chromium stainless steel containing on an average of 0.10 per cent carbon, 13 per cent chromium. Because of its low total carbon content, it is the least expensive of all the stainless steels. This steel can be hardened by heat treatment to about 375 brinell hardness by cooling in water, oil or air. In general, its physical properties are quite similar to the 0.30 per cent carbon alloy steels, such as SAE 2330, 3130, 4130 and 6130, plus the fact that it is corrosion resistant. Because of its low carbon content it may be used in either the annealed or the heat treated condition.

Type 403 is a selected high quality stainless steel having practically the same analysis as type 410. It is used for the production of blades in steam turbines and very highly stressed parts. Although physical properties of 403 are similar to those of 410, the quality is superior due to the close inspection and rigid chemical limits to which material is held by the manufacturers.

Type 416 is a free-machining grade analogous to type 410 and is used in automatic machines. Improved machinability is obtained by the addition of 0.20 to 0.50 per cent sulphur or selenium with sometimes 0.50 per cent molybdenum or zirconium. Sulphur or selenium additions produce sulphide or selenide inclusions in the metal and these impart lubrication causing chips to break into relatively small pieces and clear themselves in the automatic machines. Improved machinability is reflected in the decreased roughness of the steel as shown by the following tabulation:

	Type 416	Type 410
Yield strength, psi	90,000	75,000
Tensile strength, 0.2 per cent off set, psi	40,000	40,000
Percent elongation	25	30
Percent reduction of area	60	75

Straight chromium stainless steels of group A, such

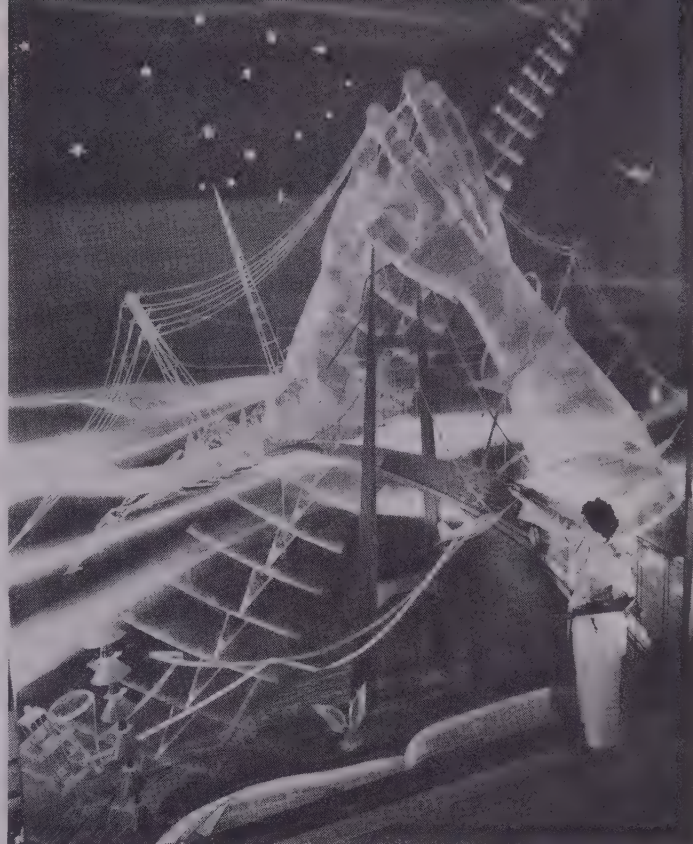


Fig. 16—Stainless steel also finds use as a fine arts medium. This mural painted on three sheets of steel, bolted together in the back, will last for eternity

as 410, harden when air cooled from high temperatures. In some applications as in welding this hardening is undesirable because of decreased ductility. It is possible to avoid much of this air-hardening by adding such elements as 4 per cent more chromium, 1 per cent silicon, or 0.20 per cent aluminum, the most economical of the three being the addition of aluminum. This steel is then known as type 405. The decrease in hardness obtained by oil quenching type 405 as compared with type 410 is shown in the following tabulation:

Oil Quench Temperature	Brinell Hardness	
	Type 405	Type 410
1550°F	131	268
1650°F	193	318
1750°F	268	343
1850°F	283	356

Type 420 is the oldest of all the stainless steels and is known, even today, as the cutlery type. It is the steel originally patented by Brearley and contains generally 0.30 per cent carbon and 13 per cent chrome. It can be hardened merely by cooling in air to hardnesses as high as Rockwell C-50. It should always be used in the hardened condition. In the annealed condition the carbon and chromium are combined as discrete particles, so that the chromium is not available for resisting corrosion. During heating for hardening, the chromium and carbon dissolve in the iron and become available for corrosion resistance. Type 420 costs more than type 410 due to the greater difficulty in manufacture, and furthermore, it is somewhat more difficult to fabricate into articles.

Types 440A, 440B, and 440C are quite similar to



Fig. 17—Modern safe deposit vaults make most effective use of stainless steel

type 420 excepting they can be treated to a higher hardness due to higher carbon contents of 0.70, 0.85 and 1.05 per cent, respectively. These steels must also be used only in the heat treated condition. Because of the high carbon, all of the chromium carbide does not go into solution even during heat treatment and for this reason it is necessary that the steels contain 4 per cent more chromium than found in type 420. Increased hardness of these steels is obtained with the loss of some toughness, as shown by the following tabulation of torsion impact strength after hardening and drawing at 300°F:

Type	Torsion Impact Ft-lbs.	Rockwell Hardness
420	137	C-50
440-A	103	C-56
440-C	86	C-60

The corrosion resistance of chromium stainless steels is increased as the chromium content is increased. When chromium is increased from 13 to about 17 per cent, it is known as type 430 and is virtually non-hardenable by heat treatment. The following data demonstrate the improved resistance to corrosion of type 430 as compared with type 410:

	Type 430	Type 410
Nitric acid test	18	34
65 per cent HNO ₃ , boiling		
80 per cent acetic acid, boiling	186	350

The above data are included to show the comparative corrosion and it should not be inferred that these two steels are suitable for use in these two acids.

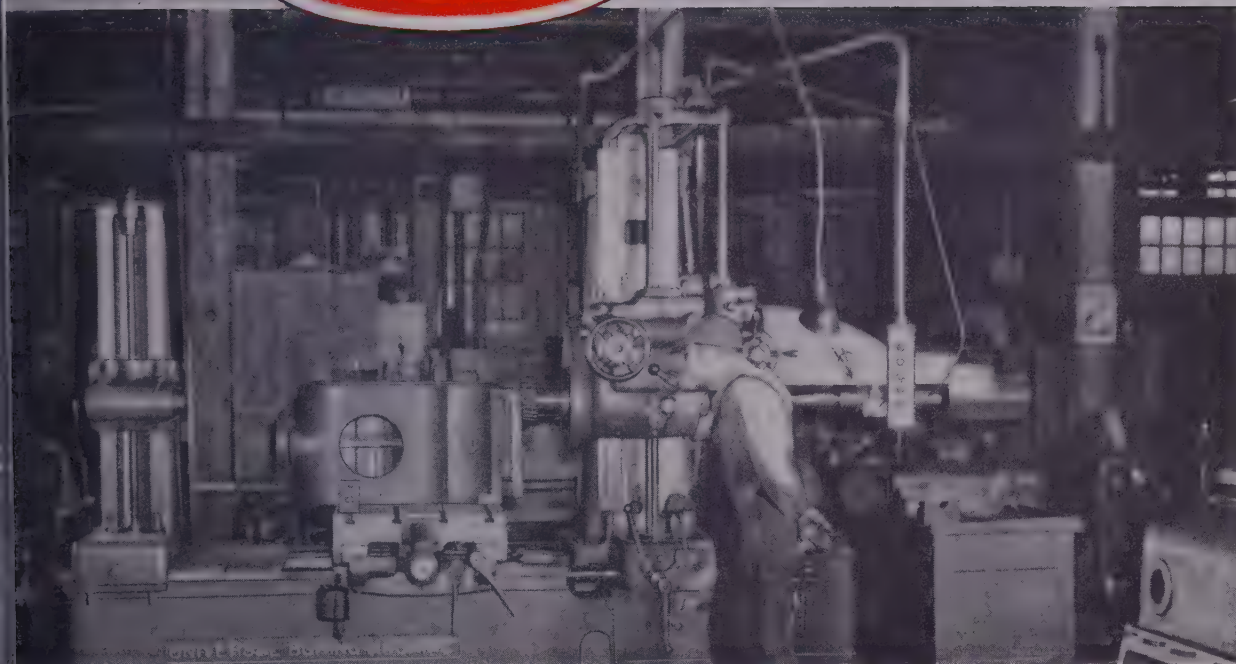
This grade is also produced in a free machining grade known as type 430-F.

When a few per cent of nickel is added to type 410 stainless, the physical strength is increased in the annealed cold worked and heat treated condition. Type 414, for example, is similar to type 410 but contains 2 per cent nickel. The physical properties of type 414 hardened and drawn at 800°F compare as follows:

	Type 414	Type 410
Yield strength, psi	150,000	145,000
Tensile strength, psi	200,000	190,000
Per cent elongation	17	17
Per cent reduction of area	60	60
Brinell	400	375

As previously mentioned, when chromium is increased to about 17 per cent, the steel becomes permanently ferritic at all temperatures, and consequently, cannot be hardened by heat treatment. It is possible by the addition of about 2 per cent nickel to restore the hardening capacity of the steel. In this way, the high corrosion resistance of the 17 per cent chromium steel is obtained, together with high physical properties. Type 431 is an example. It was originally developed in England by Brown-Boveri steel works, and was designated as "Two-Score". It can be hardened to about 375 brinell hardness.

The highest chromium content of the commercial straight chromium steels will be found in type 440 which contains 27 per cent chromium and offers exceptional corrosion and scale resistance. The high chromium may cause coarse grains when the alloy is heated and to overcome this, 0.15 to 0.20 per cent nitrogen is usually present.



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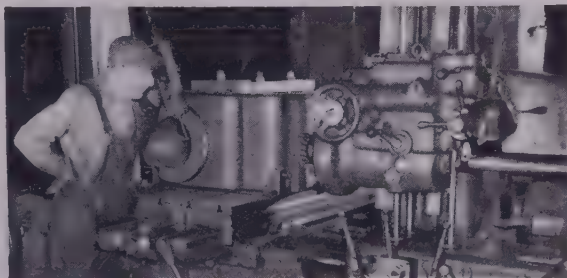
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Fig. 18—Bakery truck body is fabricated of stainless steel for long life and pleasing appearance

Some fabrication processes have previously been discussed. These were forging, wire drawing, cold rolling, annealing and pickling. Stainless steels are also capable of being fabricated by all methods familiar to other steels, namely, machining, blanking, punching, shearing, forming, deep drawing, spinning, cold heading, grinding, polishing, soldering, welding, and riveting. The physical properties of stainless steels do, however, dictate some differences in handling.

All high-chrome steels seem to have the peculiar property of galling or seizing when under very high pressure and in machining the chips tend to weld fast to the nose of the tool producing what machinists call a "bug". This slows down the job and impairs the finish. The chromium-nickel stainless steels also work-harden very rapidly so that the tool in passing over the work will harden the surface and thus interfere with the next cut. The best remedy is to reduce the cutting speed and not allow the tool to stop cutting and glaze the job. Special top rake and angles on the bits and drills used are recommended. Special cutting oils are also recommended for reducing tool abrasion and preventing the welding of chips to the tool. The real answer to machinability comes with the use of selenium or sulphur bearing free-machining grades which are available in both straight chromium and chrome-nickel types. Both sulphur and selenium reduce the galling and seizing tendency to produce brittle chips and make the steels extremely free-cutting. In England, lead has been added to stainless steels for the same purpose.

To successfully blank, punch, shear, spin or cold head stainless the following should be kept in mind. 1—Even when dead soft annealed, stainless steels are about fifty per cent stronger and harder than soft low carbon steel. 2—All stainless steels excepting the free machining types have a considerable tendency to gall, or pick up on the tools. 3—The chrome-nickel stainless steels are very tough and gummy. There will be little, if any, break-out on these in

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blanking and they must be cut clear through. 4—The chrome-nickel stainless steels are hardened in cold work more rapidly than ordinary soft steel. This is not true of the straight chrome stainless steels.

The above properties demand that the press used must be built ruggedly and tools must be made of the best grades of wear resisting tool steel.

The forming of stainless steels is aided by the proper selection of lubricants which will form a film capable of withstanding the higher pressure and heat generated. For cold heading, stainless wire is finished with the surface properly lubricated or copper coated.

Both austenitic and ferritic stainless steels can be readily welded, and soft, or silver soldered, when proper precautions are taken. It should be kept in mind that austenitic chromium-nickel steels have higher expansion and electrical resistance, and a lower heat conductivity and melting point than plain low carbon steel. These properties are of advantage in metal arc and electric resistance welding. In metallic arc welding the use of direct current is much more general than alternating current. Reverse polarity is used, the working being negative and the welding electrode positive; the rods are coated with special flux to shield the molten metal from contact with the atmosphere.

Welding rods are usually of a slightly different composition than the parent metal because of the tendency to lose a certain percentage of the alloying content. For example, about 1 per cent of the chromium, 25 per cent of the columbium and 85 per cent of the titanium bearing rods are not used and stabilized welds, columbium 18-8 is preferred. Chromium-nickel rods are also frequently used for welding straight chromium steels because of greater toughness and superior corrosion resistance.

Electric resistance welding works out very satisfactorily with stainless steels because of their high electrical resistance, low heat conductivity and low melting point than plain steels.

Acetylene welding may be applied successfully to stainless steels but is not as well adapted for general work as the metallic arc, because it is slower. Troubles arise from flame adjustment. If the flame is on the reducing side, the metal will pick up carbon and corrosion resistance will be decreased. If it is slightly on the oxidizing side, the metal will freeze in an unsound condition. It is therefore recommended that a neutral flame be maintained, but it should be kept in mind that a slightly reducing flame is a lesser evil than one which is slightly oxidizing. As a general rule, acetylene welding is not recommended for straight chromium stainless steels.

If precautions are not taken to prevent carbide precipitation, it may occur at the grain boundaries in austenitic stainless steels during heating or cooling in the range of 800 to 1500°F. It is for this reason that titanium and columbium bearing austenitic stainless steels are preferred for welded structures, as columbium and titanium each stabilize the carbon. When using austenitic steels which do not contain columbium or titanium, it is advisable, if possible,

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anneal the structures at 1900 to 2100°F prior to quenching in water. This treatment puts the carbide back into solution.

Silver soldering is used with considerable success on chromium-nickel stainless steels. One advantage compared with regular soldering is in its high strength. Because silver solder and fluxes work best in the range of 800 to 1500°F, it is important that soldering be conducted as speedily as possible so as

to minimize carbide precipitation. Of course, the element of speed is not a factor with columbium and titanium types. Straight chromium stainless steels can also be successfully silver soldered and because steels of group A harden when air cooled from temperatures above about 1500°F, a solder should be chosen which can be applied at temperatures below 1500°F.

Soft soldering is readily carried out on stainless steels but it is somewhat more difficult to get the solder to adhere unless special precautions are taken to use a flux which will cut through the chrome oxide film on the steel's surface. Muriatic acid cut with zinc is suitable. Solders containing as much as 80 to 85 per cent tin are recommended because they have less tendency to discolor in combination with stainless steel. It is most important in soldering to see that all the flux is removed after welding is completed.

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Mirrors of Motordom

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basic "B" body adapted to both the 6 and 88 series, the difference being in wheelbase and power plant. The B, touted as one of the "hottest" cars on the road, currently uses the "A" body, as does the 76, and the 15-horsepower V-8 engine is almost too much engine for this size body. So far the "B" body has appeared in only two types, two-door and four-door sedans of the fast-back type. Changes are additions will be made in the form of notchback or bustle-back contours, both of which are included in the "C" and "A" series.

Packard—As of Oct. 3 serial numbers on all cars, including those in dealers' hands, were changed to vintage 1950, the sole change identifying next year's models. Assembly operations continue on reduced draft pending clarification of the steel tieup. As production moves ahead in the automatic transmission department, it will be offered on lower-priced models and conceivably the \$225 price could be offered on lower-priced models and conceivably the \$225 price could be trimmed as volume picks up. The device now is standard only on custom models.

Plymouth—All possible steel has been diverted from other Chrysler divisions to Plymouth to permit assemblies to continue until Thanksgiving. After shutdown of a few days, the 1950 models will be started in limited fashion, possibly only 400 to 500 per day, to allow sampling by dealers. Schedules will continue

low through December according to present planning which is based on reduced availability of steel and components. Assemblies of 1949 models have held in high gear, with close to 500,000 having been built, against 325,000 in the same months last year. An automatic transmission is a distinct possibility next year, to meet the competition of Ford and Chevrolet, despite the fact the Chrysler management has not pushed this development too strenuously.

Pontiac—Designs for 1950 were shown to the press last Thursday and will be displayed to a large group of suppliers Nov. 22. Goal for 1949 model production was 304,000 and by Oct. 31 the total had reached 290,615, of which less than 23 per cent were sixes. Hydramatic drive was specified on 67 per cent of all purchases. Next year's models will not be changed importantly, except for grilles, decorative trim, and a slight increase in horsepower of the 8-cylinder engine to smooth out acceleration with the automatic transmission. Enough steel was in sight before the strike's end for about 15,000 jobs, which could carry production for the balance of the year at slow motion.

Studebaker—A star performer among the independent manufacturers, this company has already built over 75,000 of its 1950 models since making a start in August. Steel inventory appeared sufficient to carry through this month and reduced operations may be necessary in December until stocks are balanced. Automatic transmission of the torque-converter type, being built by Borg-Warner

Corp., was supposed to have been ready in December, but this date likely will have to be postponed due to production delays. The unit will be manufactured in a Detroit plant being tooled by the Detroit Gear Division of B-W.

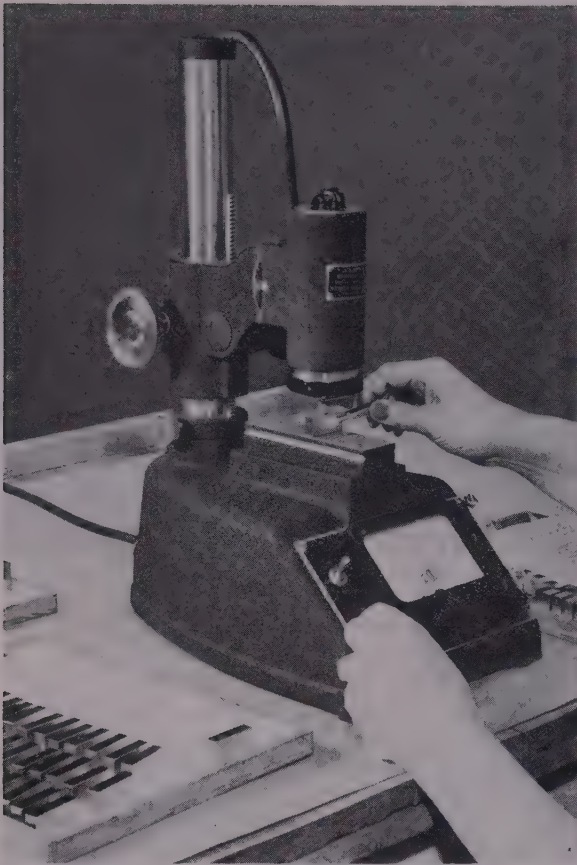
Willys-Overland—Planning for a small passenger car, long under consideration during the regime of James D. Mooney, who left the company earlier this year, appears dormant, while manufacture of jeeps and trucks has faltered from the level of a year ago.

Export sales have been hit hard by currency devaluations. Assemblies this year have aggregated something under 80,000, compared with 117,000 in the like period of 1948.

Story of Malleable Iron

AUDIENCE is taken into the foundry and shown its operation in a 30-minute sound and color motion picture on the making of malleable castings. Entitled "This Moving World" and produced by Malleable Founders' Society, Cleveland, it shows uses of malleables in automobiles, railroad cars, farm implements, plumbing and electrical parts, etc.

Demonstrated is the durability of parts made of malleable castings, their resistance to corrosion and to impact and shock, and the ease with which they may be machined into finished parts. Film will be shown to engineering and technical societies, students in engineering schools, customers of the industry, business groups, etc.



In actual use, gage blocks are no longer kept under glass or handled with kid gloves. However, in this processing laboratory they remain "untouchable" to determine their size with 0.000001-inch, since body heat would offset the accuracy of the comparator as calibrated with the master block

WITH the steadily increasing demand for superfines throughout the metal working industry, it is not surprising to note that in recent months the U. S. Bureau of Standards has established a closer permissible surface finish for gage blocks. Previous to 1943 the bureau had no specific finish requirements; however, it thereafter determined that a 2.6 microinch finish should be recognized as a standard for all makes of gage blocks.

Because the Bureau of Standards now recommends and expects a 1.2 microinch finish on B grade blocks and recommends a 0.9 microinch finish on A grade blocks, these new tolerances should not be regarded as unreasonably rigid, considering the fact that a test-ground finish of 4 microinches is not unusual and superfines of 2 microinches are quantity production accomplishments.

True value of a complete set of gage blocks lies in the fact that 83

blocks make possible in excess of 100,000 individual measurements in terms of 0.0001-inch. Were as many blocks required to obtain these results, the subject would never come up for discussion.

The prime requisite for ultimate precision of a gage block combination is naturally the ultimate in surface finish; accuracy of parallelism, flatness and dimension are taken for granted because all four qualities are inseparable. The finer the surface, the better and easier the wringability which in turn accounts for closest collective precision and longer life for the blocks.

Select for Stability—Gage blocks should not be selected solely on the basis of their surface finish and original precision, but with absolute security that this original precision will be maintained for the longest period of time possible. This latter recommendation brings to mind the matter of stability and certain precautionary measures taken in the course of processing the blocks which tend to simplify their use and yet assure longer life and lasting accuracy. This is true of all grades of blocks but particularly so of B or "working" quality blocks familiar to tool, gage, d'e

makers and numerous precision machine operators.

There are two steps in the processing of gage blocks which even maker rightly considers his life in this respect, namely, his heat treating and superfinishing techniques. the Bureau of Standards, it makes difference whether the blocks are made of steel or any other metal alloy; the same specifications for surface finish and stability apply to makes. Thereafter it is a matter of opinion as to which are most efficient in the long run, blocks that will retain their original accuracy the longest with the least unavoidable complications brought about by room temperature changes, or longer blocks involving repeated computations of coefficients of expansion.

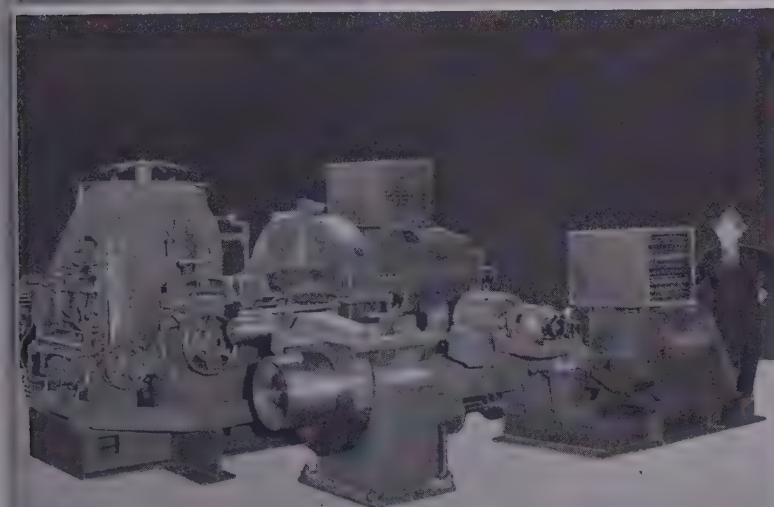
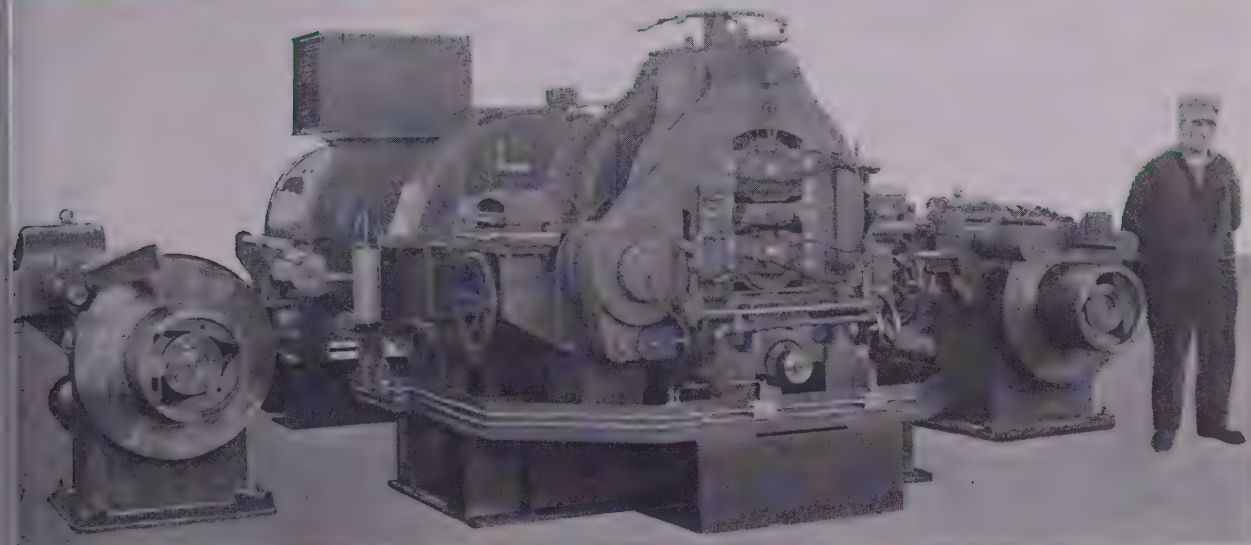
If used in an air conditioned room or laboratory at 68° F, all gage blocks are accurate regardless of what they are made of. The fact remains that if the blocks are not made of steel, the inaccuracy could be as much as 0.00005-inch for every inch of length at a room temperature of 75° F. Inspectors of finished parts are usually in position to consult the expansion chart and thermometer; however, in the course of

Correct Manufacture And Use Determine LASTING GAGE BLOCK ACCURACY

Gage blocks are being made today with a finer surface finish than was thought possible on a production basis just 6 years ago. This finish and accuracy of original measurement are not sole factors in their selection; stability of this size over long periods should be an important factor

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spection of work in process and tool-room practice, time consumed in making such adjustments could run up to a substantial total in the course of a year and this is exclusive of possible errors from or disregard for the compensating media.

One of the insidious qualities of some gage blocks is their inability to remain the same size over long periods of time. This size change comes from a condition within the steel in which the form of crystallization gradually shifts from one phase to another. The crystal form in one phase known as "martinsite" is needle-like in shape while its fraternal twin "austinite" is more rounded. Due to this structure, a change in volume takes place as the crystal form changes. The balance is such that the shift can be either one way or the other. In either event, if entire gage block changes in size we call them "growers" and "shrinkers".

"Growers" Hard To Spot—If the block happens to be a shrinker, the user of the gage blocks doesn't realize that this condition exists and assumes that the block is wearing smaller through use. Actually, the size is gradually shrinking until the block is worthless and such shrinkage can be quite appreciable. A 4-inch block can easily shrink 0.00001-inch in a month. A set of blocks made during World War I is known

to have shrunk several tenths. A "grower", on the other hand, is even more difficult to spot because of the offsetting wear through daily use. In either event, however, growers and shrinkers are the bugaboo of the gage user. The growth is never uniform and causes warpage and distortion which finally effects the wringability in addition to size inaccuracy.

This problem is not only present for gage block users, it exists in practically all hardened tool steel parts. The point is that only a few millionths growth or shrinkage will ruin a gage block whereas this small change is never noticed on tools or parts of lesser accuracy.

Metallurgists at the Bureau of Standards recognize that a gage block is only as good as it will be 6 months or a year from now and have devised a simple test that tells if the block is going to change size. This consists of boiling the gage block for 24 hours in water to which a small amount of sodium bichromate has been added to prevent corrosion. If the gage does not change in size more than 0.000002-inch, it is assumed to be stable. This stability test is most reliable but how to heat treat the blocks to meet it is something the gage block maker keeps to himself.

Test Verified—The dependability of the shrink-growth test above described, easily executed by anyone,

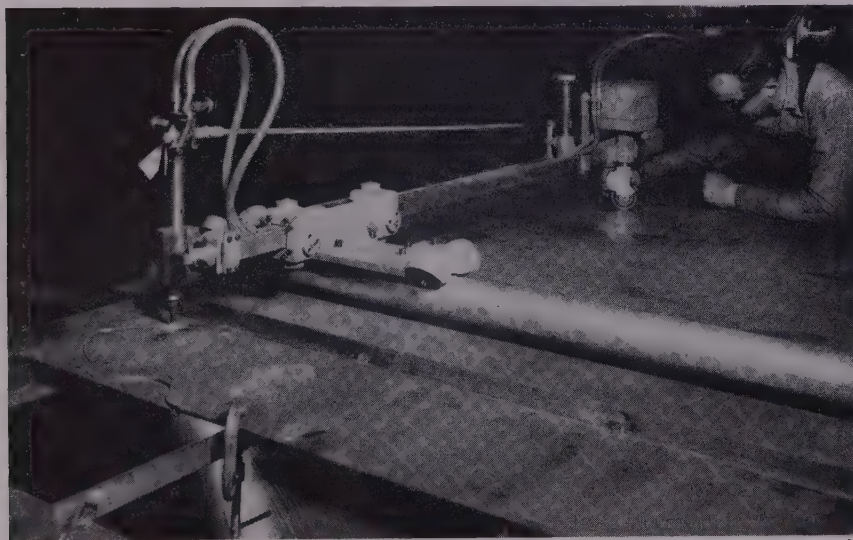
was most recently verified when a set of new blocks made in 1943 was sent to the Bureau of Standards for a recheck. The report shows that after six years, not a single block had changed in size 0.000001-inch.

To impart a 1 or 2 microinch root-mean-square finish to gage blocks is one thing, but making it worthwhile to the customer is another. Most objectionable to the maker, and less helpful to the inspector, layman and skilled operator, have been the effects of the lapping operation on the rounded edges of the blocks. All gage block makers have always been firm in their belief that lapping should be the final step, for it is that any preceding mechanical operation might disrupt more or less the infinitesimal four-way permissible limits of the blocks.

Once the blocks are put to use, it is naturally assumed that the radius is intact and therefore serves its intended purpose as a burr preventive for the gaging surface. This is indeed true of a ground radius intersecting a ground surface, however, once the flat surface is lapped the microscope shows that the abrupt sharp edge nonexistent in theory is actually present. What really happens is no different than what should expect by first surface grinding a piece of hardened steel, first grinding a 1/16-inch radius on the edge and regrinding the surface to a depth of 1/32-inch.

It is obvious that after lapping the surface of the gage block, the radius is no longer continuous but ends in a sharp edge as it intersects the lapped surface. What is seen through the microscope is a series of jagged disconnected "wires", consisting of metal forced out by the abrading particles used in the lapping process. In other words, a fine amorphous metal or wire-edge builds up at the extremities of the surface being lapped as it wears away. Since this formation is in the plane of the gaging surface, it is not likely to effect the wringing efficiency of the blocks provided by the extremely fine surface finish. The fact remains that these projections actually are there and that they can be bent upward with ease, and that the higher they are the greater the inaccuracy and wear.

This undesirable condition now can be corrected by a method where the parabolic curve is introduced to move the "wire edge" and cause the original radius to blend with the lapped surface of the block. This refinement in gage block process has no ill effect on degree of accuracy, gaging area or the 65 Rockwell C hardness of the blocks along the edge run.



CUTTING STEEL FALSIES: Shown forming special structural shapes designed to give a church an old colonial look without expensive timber forming is this Airco No. 3 Monograph oxyacetylene flame-cutting machine at Hustad Co., Minneapolis, Minn. Sections made from 1/4-inch plate were shaped to 11½ inches wide and 7 feet 6 inches long. Developed by Air Reduction Sales Co., New York, the machine will cut steel up to 8 inches thick in any shape within a 32 x 56-inch area, at speeds ranging from 3 to 30 inches per minute. Cutting area of the 145-pound portable unit can be extended by addition of 6-foot 8-inch sections of tubular rail

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Copies of this reference guide are still available from STEEL's Readers' Service Department for \$1 per copy.—The Editors

Interest in Handling Article

In the May 2, 1949, issue of STEEL we featured an article entitled, "Efficient Handling Methods Can Cut Production Costs." I wonder if it would be possible to obtain a copy of this story. Several people in our organization are very much interested in reading it and we are unable to locate this particular issue.

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Quite possible indeed. This was the first in a series of six articles which appeared in the May 2, May 9, May 16, May 23, May 30 and June 13 issues of STEEL.—The Editors

From United Nations

We are interested in obtaining another copy of the special report, "How Much Steel Capacity?" which appeared in the March 21st issue of your journal. Thanking you in advance for your prompt attention to our request.

Yeh Chu-Pei
Economic Affairs Officer
United Nations
Lake Success, N. Y.

Design for Powder Met

According to the Oct. 1 issue of CDDO, there appeared in the August 2 issue of your magazine an article entitled, "Designing for Production of Powder Metallurgy", written by J. Bonanno of Lionel Corp. If it is possible to send me a copy of this article, it would be helpful in my line of work.

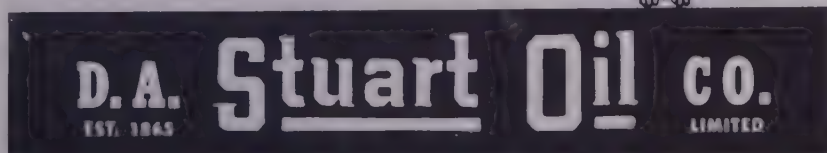
A. P. Higgins
Chief Tool Engineer
Fort Worth Division
Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp.
Fort Worth, Tex.

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and manufacture of pipe, as published in the Sept. 5, 1949, issue. Many of our supervisors and foremen in the Tube Division have expressed a desire to have a copy of the article, and I am wondering if it would be possible for you to obtain for me about 25 copies for distribution to foremen in the Tube Seamless and Conduit Department.

H. E. Engelbaugh
Manager, Youngstown District
Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.
Youngstown, O.

Copies of this article, and others in "Fundamentals of Steelmaking" series may be obtained from STEEL's Readers' Service Department at a nominal cost.—The Editors

Nodular Alloy Data

We have been advised that you published a very interesting article on nodular or ductile iron in one of your recent issues. We are most interested in this article and wonder if you would be kind enough to send us tear sheets of the article to our New York address.

McDonald H. Wells
New York Manager
Lynchburg Foundry Co.,
New York, N. Y.

Tear sheets are being forwarded. Article referred to were, "Economic and Safety Advantages Seen for Improved Nodulizing Alloy," Sept. 5, 1949, issue, p. 82, and "You Producing Nodular Iron?" Sept. 12, 1949, p. 152.—The Editors

Address Request Answered

In your April 25 issue of "The Editor Views the News," we are particularly interested in the item titled, "A New Attack on Rust". Your editorial did not give the name of the producer of this new corrosion resistant material. May we ask you to please supply this name for us so that we can get in touch with the producer for full details.

Albert Neroni
Advertising Manager
John A. Roebling's Sons Co.
Trenton, N. J.

Producer of the corrosion resistant material is Industrial Metal Protectives Inc., 137 Perry St., Dayton 2, O. The subject was covered in detail on page 80 of the April 25 issue of STEEL.—The Editors

Oxygen Distribution

In a bulletin from the Compressed Gas Association there is an item concerning distribution of oxygen and acetylene which they indicate was a feature in STEEL, Jan. 10, 1949. We are very much interested in reading this complete and will appreciate it if you can send us a copy.

J. E. Rooney
Sales Manager
Bird Gas Corp.
Detroit, Mich.

A copy of the article, "Oxygen and Acetylene Gas Distributing System Used Effectively in Large Scrap Preparation Yard," is being sent.—The Editors

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New Products and Equipment

High Speed Press Brake

Speeds up to 80 strokes per minute may be obtained with the press brake built by Cyril Bath Co., 6972 Machinery Ave., Cleveland 3, O. It has a wide bed and ram areas for the mounting of punching and blanking dies and is equipped with a pressure-control safety mechanism which may be used in continuous operation or to



stop automatically at the top of the stroke. Accidental excessive loads automatically throw out the clutch, preventing press or die damage. Press illustrated is of 35-ton capacity and has a die area of 15 x 42 inches. Heavier tonnages and larger die areas are available. Machines may be set up to combine two or more operations in sequence.

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Automatic Broach Accessories

Increased output efficiency through reduced operator effort and reduction in accident hazards due to operator fatigue or carelessness are provided by automatic broach handling equipment available for use on standard presses manufactured by Colonial Broach Co., Box 37, Harper Station, Detroit 13, Mich. In an application of a standard 6-ton, 36-inch stroke capacity press for the finishing of case-hardened gear splines, the broach handling mechanism consists of an automatic release type puller and a receiver.

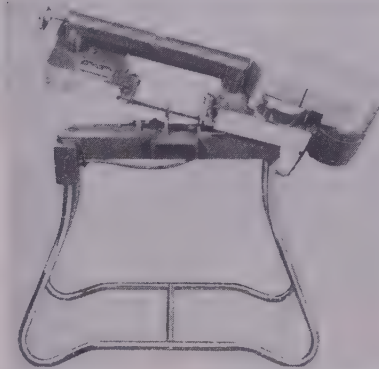
As broach is pushed through the gear its pilot contacts the broach receiver, forcing it down against a slight hydraulic pressure. At the finish of the stroke the broach is released and the receiver lowers it clear of the work. After the finished part is unloaded, hydraulic pressure raises the broach receiver and broach

and thus automatically reinserting the broach into the puller. Machine then returns to the starting position. Check No. 2 on Reply Card for more Details

Band Saw With Automatic Stop

Small size metal cutting band saw, model 49A, announced by Wells Mfg. Corp., 1515 Fillmore St., Three Rivers, Mich., has a capacity of 3½ inches for rounds, 3½ x 6½ inches for rectangular shapes. The 0.025 x ½-inch by 5 foot blade is driven by a 1/6 hp ball bearing motor with manual start and automatic stop. A V-belt drive provides selective speeds of 54, 100 and 190 fpm.

Saw is equipped with quick action vise and adjustable blade guides.



Idler and drive wheels run on grease sealed ball bearings. Frame and bed are of welded steel construction.

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Planer Has 33-Foot Stroke

Speeds that are infinitely adjustable up to the maximum suitable for carbide cutting tools are incorporated in the hydraulic openside planer with 33-foot cutting stroke offered

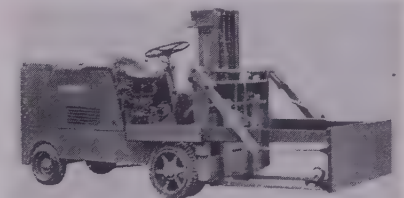
by Rockford Machine Tool Co., Rockford, Ill. Machine is 73 feet long overall and about 14 feet high. Speed of the return stroke may be set independent of the cutting stroke speed, so that a fast return can be used to save time. Planer is built with two cross-rail heads and one side head.

Maximum planing width for the right hand head is 60 inches and maximum planing width, including use of the left hand head, is 72 inches. Distance of table to rail is a maximum of 72 inches. Planers are built in openside and double-housing design. Both can be supplied with two tool heads for the cross-rail and one tool head for the vertical side rail, the second cross-rail head and the side rail head being extra equipment.

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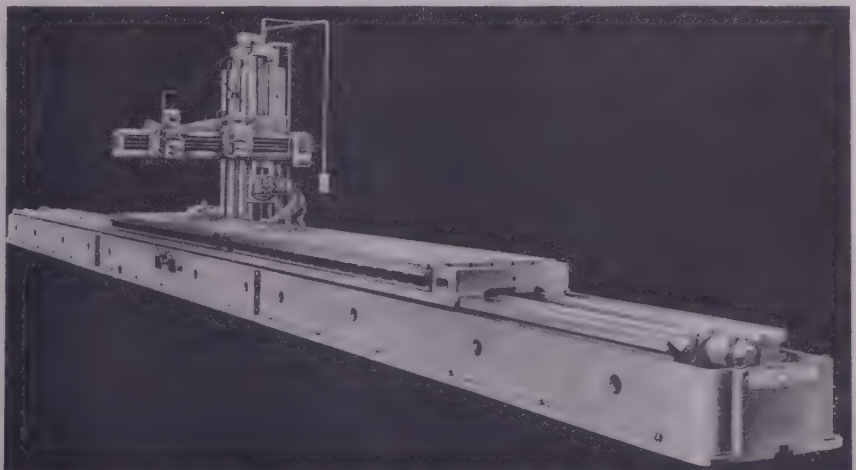
Truck Moves Heavy Dies

Heavy dies may be transported to and from the die table of a press by an unloader developed for trucks built by Towmotor Corp., 1226 E. 152nd St., Cleveland 10, O. Die is picked



up on the forks of the lift truck, transported to the press and easily deposited on the die table by extending the steel pusher plate of the hydraulically operated unloader.

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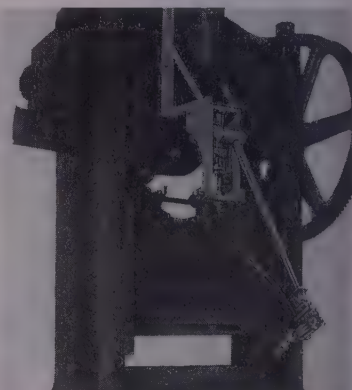
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press table, a length of chain is passed around the die and linked with hooks on each side of the pusher plate. By retracting unloader arm, the die is pulled onto the truck forks.

Check No. 5 on Reply Card for more Details.

Device Unloads Presses

Sheet metal stampings may be moved from small and medium size punch presses automatically by junior size Iron Hand, developed by Sahlin Engineering Co., 467 South Woodward Ave., Birmingham, Miss. It is for presses with bed width ranging up to 72 inches and pressure capacities up to 250 tons. Pro-



operator is required only to place the part in the press, leaving the hazardous job of removal to the Iron Hand.

By concentrating on the feed of the press, operators often can speed up production as the unloader can be set to catch every stroke. Device is self-contained and may be transported from one press to another. It removes blanks or formed articles with equal effectiveness. Synchronization with the press stroke is by electric control. Parts weighing 20 pounds or more may be removed.

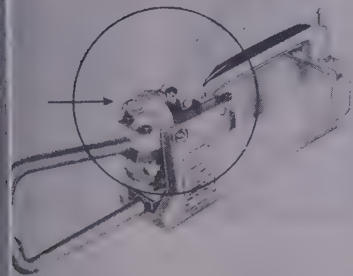
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Welder Assures Tight Fit Up

Increased tong pressure results in better spot and easy operation as well as furnishing sufficient pressure for welding with poor material fit up, according to Miller Electric Mfg. Co., Appleton, Wis., manufacturers of improved toggle-action, tong lever portable spot welder. Lever can be adjusted to either close tight the work or to pivot past center lock tight on the work. Operator can close the welder on the material to be spotted, forcing it up tight and locking it together, and then operate the switch with his other hand.

Design assures uniform pressure

every spot. Adjustment is provided between lever and tongs to compensate for various thicknesses of metal. At the rear of the handle,



Another adjustment regulates the distance the handle closes. Welder may be used either with or without a timer control.

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Machinery Aligning Level

Bullard Co., Bridgeport 2, Conn., is manufacturing 18 and 27-inch precision aligning levels. The bubbles in the vials of the levels have a sensitivity of 5 seconds of arc per grad-



ation. This is equivalent to showing a variation of 0.0003-inch per grad.

The dial is mounted on two brass studs which permit adjustments. Level is insulated from the palm of a hand by means of a handle of non-conductive material. Vial is made of optical glass and the casting has been seasoned, machined and scraped.

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Fork Handles Multiple Units

Boxes, barrels, etc., which are handled in multiple units, may be moved without the use of pallets by the application of the Pak-Loader fork truck system developed by Yale & Towne Mfg. Co., Roosevelt Blvd. & Lehigh Ave., Philadelphia 15, Pa. Units comprising many individual containers are pushed into position in transportation vehicles in one operation.

The system comprises two components, a fork truck equipped with pusher mechanism and two or three specially adapted steel plates per fork truck. These are cut to the size which best fits the specific load to be handled. Plates about 4 inches high are secured

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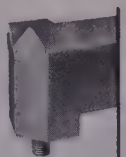
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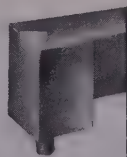
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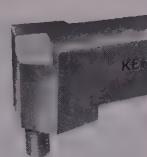
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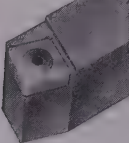
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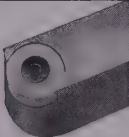
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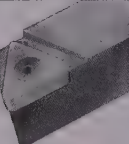
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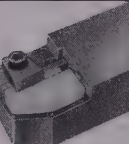
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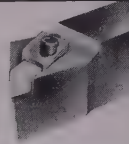
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THEY SIMPLIFY TOOL SETTING

Tips can be repositioned, or replaced, without disturbing the tool holder.

THEY REDUCE GRINDING COSTS

Procedure is simpler and less frequently required. No steel needs to be ground — only the carbide. Indexing feature of Kennamatic and Kendex tools provides multiple cutting edges between regrinds.

THEY LOWER INVENTORY

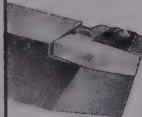
Fewer tools are required to float a specific job, and only tips or inserts need to be stocked.

THEY INCREASE MACHINE PRODUCTIVITY

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The tools illustrated are made in both hands, in various sizes, with Kennametal tips suitable for machining steel, cast iron, and non-ferrous alloys.



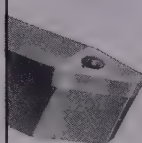
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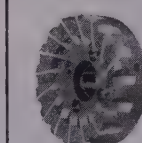
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to one end of the plate. A block of wood is placed under the toe to keep it level and the forks of the truck slip under the plate for lifting. When unloading, forks are tilted forward to rest the front end of the loaded plate next to the pile of goods

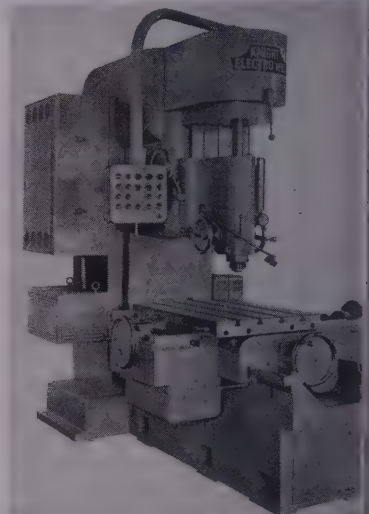


already stored. As the truck pushes the load forward, the truck moves backwards and a locking device holds the steel plate on the forks and prevents it from being pushed off while the load is being moved.

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Machine Allows Operation Choice

Wide latitude in selecting various features to meet specific requirements are given the user of the Electro-Matic vertical milling, drilling and boring machine, manufactured by W. F. Knight Machinery Co., 3920 W. F. Blvd., St. Louis 8, Mo. It may be



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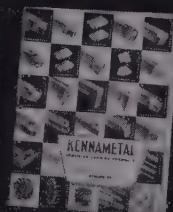
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Low heating cost, uniform heating cycle and minimum amount of scaling are features of the rotary hearth furnace built by W. S. Rockwell Co., 200 Eliot St., Fairfield, Conn. Although working hearth is 4 feet in diameter, furnace will produce up to



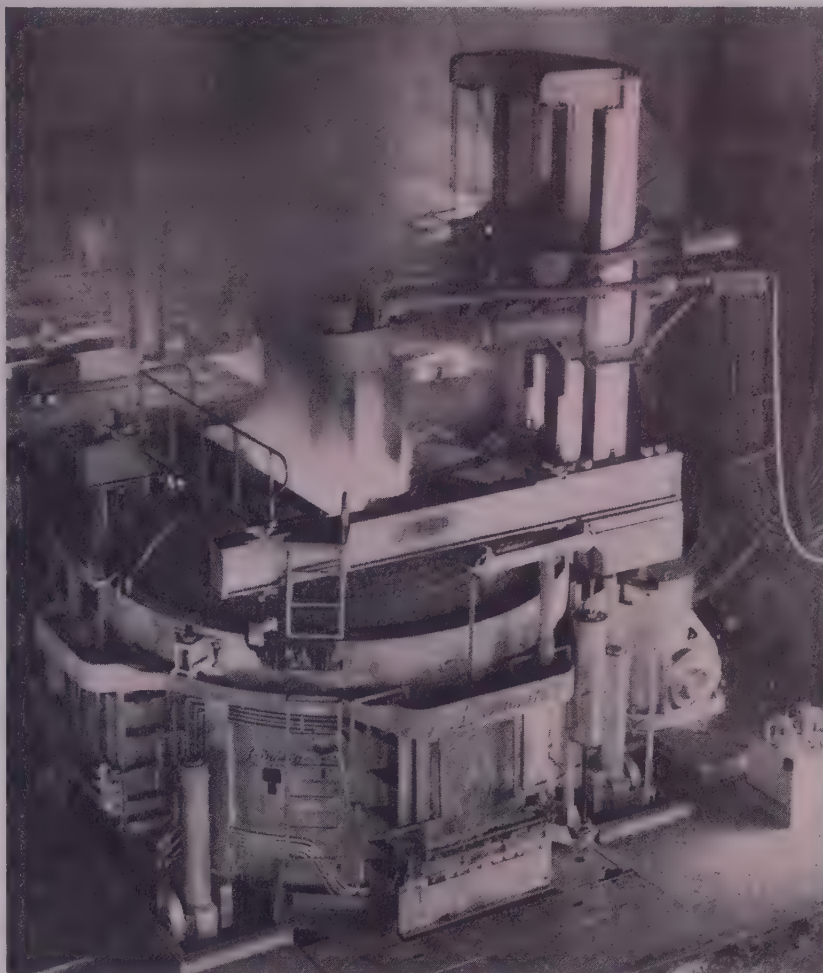
1000 pounds of forgings per hour, heated to 2100° F. Work is charged and discharged through a single slot, 18 inches wide and 2½ inches high. Slot has a water cooled sill which prevents heat from creeping back along the bar. Atmosphere is controlled to produce a light scale that flakes off easily with the first hammer blow. Gas burners are designed to permit a slight amount of oil to be introduced into the furnace atmosphere during the heating operation. Heating time is from 12 to 36 minutes, but may be changed to longer or shorter cycle.

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Hydraulic Power Units

Standard hydraulic power units in the line announced by Rucker Co., 23 Hollis St., Oakland, Calif., range from 2 to 75 hp, with special models being available for requirements up to 300 hp. Pressures are 1000 and 2000 psi, with special models up to 3000 psi. Accessories make standard models adaptable for various types of specialized installation requirements.

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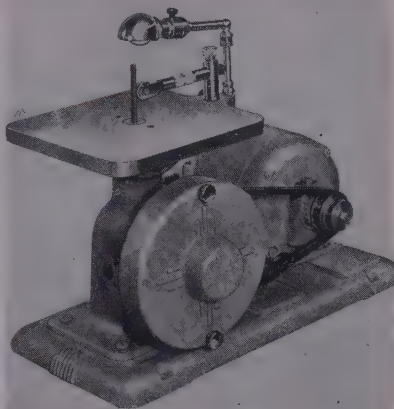
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ample oil filtration. Optional equipment includes heat exchangers, immersion heaters, thermometers and other controls. Portable units are also available.

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Variable Stroke Die Filer

A double eccentric accomplishes a variation in the stroke length from 3/16 to 3/4-inch in the die filer offered by Benchmaster Mfg. Co., 2952 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. Reciprocating mechanism is spring loaded, automatically compensating



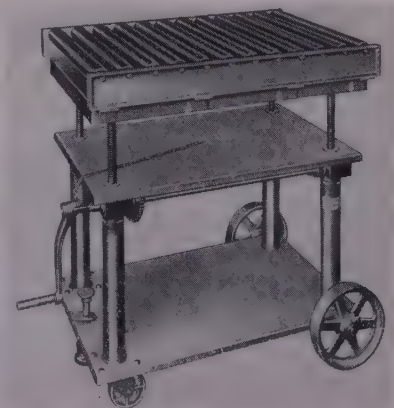
for wear and eliminating need for adjustment. Neoprene bellows keep filings out of the bearing surrounding the reciprocating shaft.

Crank and pulley shafts are supported in ball bearings lubricated by a built-in reservoir. The 8 1/2-inch square table tilts front and back.

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Roller Conveyor Table Top

Extra heavy loads may be moved to and from the Portelator, a portable elevating table made by Hamilton Tool Co., Hanover at Ninth,



Hamilton, O., by a roller conveyor top for the table. It fits over the top table surface and is held in place

by a flange. Installation and removal may be as required.

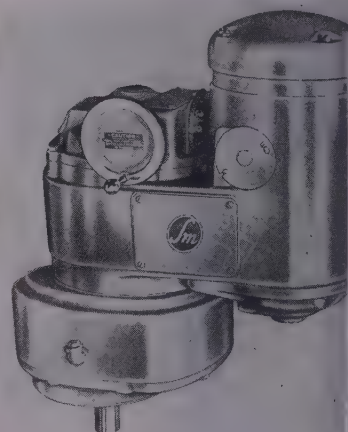
Tops are also available with rollers mounted at the ends and either side can be furnished with a cam operated roller locking device. Features of the table include a mechanical lock which locks the table automatically at any height at which the table is stopped, rapid lifting and lowering for light loads and accessibility from all sides.

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Adjustable Speed Motor

Herringbone rotor, labyrinth seal and heavy duty ball bearings are incorporated in the Speed-Trol vertically mounted motor with variable speed available from Sterling Electric Motors Inc., 5401 Anaheim—Telegraph Rd., Los Angeles 22, California. It is available with integrally built mechanical gears.

Speed indicator allows infinite speed adjustment through either the fine



tip control on the motor or through mechanical, electrical or lever controls. Power unit is built internally with pulleys, shafts and bearings. Because of the face mounted construction, the unit is useful for motor drives and for building into machines.

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Electronic Motor Controller

A fractional horsepower Mot-O-Matic electronic adjustable-speed motor controller, offered by Westinghouse Electric Corp., Pittsburgh 30, starts, stops and controls the speed of 1/8 to 1/2 hp dc motors, operates from single-phase, 50/60, 220/240 power sources. Unit uses armature control to make possible a speed range of 20 to 1 at constant torque. Smooth, stepless speed control is assured at either speed increase or decrease. Dynamic braking, over

low-voltage protection are provided. It is supplied for separate mounting.

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Machine Cuts Wet or Dry

Adaptable for either wet or dry grinding is the model 15 abrasive cut-off machine, offered with either 3 hp motor by Campbell Machine Division, American Chain & Cable Inc., Bridgeport, Conn. It will cut tubes, angles, bar stock, etc., within its capacity with a minimum error by the use of a suitable abrasive wheel. Ferrous or nonferrous



material, including corrosion resisting steels and hardened and annealed steels may be handled.

Also within its range are light wall tubing of all types up to 1½ inches diameter and solid bar stock up to 3 inches in diameter with the 3 hp motor or light wall tubing up to 2 inches and solid bar stock up to 1 inch with the 5 hp motor.

See No. 17 on Reply Card for more Details

TOP-MOUNTED LUBRICATOR: Developed for applications where space limitations prohibit installation of large lubricators, type LPM Lubricator, a small, sump mounted unit is introduced by Bijur Lubricating Corp., Long Island City 1, N. Y. It is a piston type unit with a filter to prevent foreign particles being drawn into distribution system.

RELAY GAGING PROBLEMS: A new type of electronic relay switches offered by Coral Designs, Forest Hills, N. Y., makes available a basic unit for unlimited use in automatic control and gaging devices. It provides means of using simple contact units of "off-on", two-position, three-position, or floating type relays to solve pressure, torque,

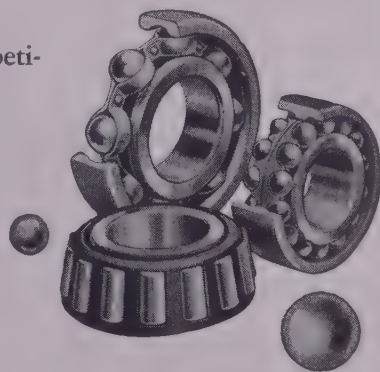


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position, movement and other gaging problems. Contact ratings may be obtained for controlling 5, 10 or 35 amp at 115 v ac.

FASTENER HAS CONCAVE HEAD: Head of the cap-captive screw offered by Alden Products Co., Brockton 64, Mass., will accept a standard Allen wrench or screwdriver. Top of head is concave so that when using screwdriver to get at screws located deep in an assembly, screwdriver follows curved surface until it slips into slot.

ELECTRODE HOLDER: Operating under continuous duty cycle at 725 amp on $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch electrodes the new 6S electrode holder offered by Martin Wells Inc., Los Angeles 1, Calif., remains cool.

FOR INDICATING TEMPERATURES: Thermo Electric Co. Inc., Fair Lawn, N. J., introduces a multi-point pyrometer and quick coupling connector panel assembly designed for indicating temperatures from one to six thermocouple locations. Operating ranges are from 75 to 400° F, 1000, 1600, and 2300° F and minus 300° to plus 300° F or equivalent centigrade scales.

ELECTRODE FOR SHEETS AND PLATES: A general purpose electrode, Eutectrode 6000 for steel sheet and plates is offered by Eutectic Welding Alloys Corp., New York 13, N. Y. For both alternating and direct current, this arc welding electrode is recommended for single or multiple pass welding where fit up is poor. Available in sizes 3/32, 1/8, 5/32 and 3/16-inch.

LOOSENS PARTS: Kano Kroil, a chemical for loosening stuck together parts is offered by Kano Laboratories, Chicago 1, Ill. It dissolves dried oils, rust and corrosion and supplies necessary lubrication to loosen part.

SPLITS SAMPLES: Precision Scientific Co., Chicago 47, Ill., introduces a new small riffle sampler for laboratory sample reducing of all granular or powdered materials such as ore, sand, cement and chemicals. It is enclosed in a dust-tight case.

ECONOMICAL USE OF POWER: A

new 115 v, 1/100-hp, single-phase alternating current motor with permanent capacitor is offered by Electro-Aire Inc., North Hollywood, Calif. Designed for many hours of intermittent duty without maintenance and for reversible applications, its high speed of 400 cycles allows an economical use of power for its 8.3-ounce weight.

LOWER MELTING POINT: Known as Agile coated bronze No. 200 welding and brazing rod, an electrode announced by American Agile Corp., Cleveland 3, O., is fully flux coated and made in 18-inch lengths in $\frac{1}{8}$, $\frac{3}{16}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch diameters. It has a melting point of 1596° F.

CONVENIENT STORAGE: A rack for the convenient storage of 3-foot lengths of standard drill rod is offered by Hill Machine Co., Rockford, Ill. Ends of the rods rest in steel trays between adjustable separators. Any size is easily selected by pulling its tray forward.

CONVERTS USED DRUMS: Any used 30 or 55 gallon drum can be converted to a fire-safe waste container by use of the self-closing drum cover announced by Protectoseal Co., Chicago 8, Ill. If temperature within or surrounding the drum reaches 160°, a fusible link melts, releasing a spring loaded plunger.

SPRING-DRIVEN CORD REEL: To automatically wind portable cords used in connection with electronic crane weighing systems and similar applications, J. L. Gleason & Co. Inc., Cambridge 41, Mass., has developed a spring-driven reel.

80 TO 100 PSI PRESSURE: Designed without tie rods, a new line of air cylinders is announced by Tomkins-Johnson Co., Jackson, Mich. They have air pressures of 80 to 100 psi. Available in seven different styles, up to 8-inch bore, with or without adjustable cushions.

HIGH TEMPERATURE INSULATION: Bigelow-Liptak Corp., Detroit 2, Mich., offers a complete line of high temperature insulation products. BL-17, a mineral wool all-purpose block for temperatures of 1700° F has a density of 1.67 pounds per board foot. C-18, a companion prod-

uct to block, is an insulating cement composed of mineral wool, long fiber asbestos and an adhesive binder. It is applied like plastic.

RETAINS ACCURACY: Precision angle plates, announced by R. Granite Surface Plate Co., Dayton, O., are made of black granite to a tolerance of less than 1 second. In linear dimensions, this is a tolerance of 0.00005-inch in 12 inches. Plates can be made with any desired number of faces finished.

CORROSION RESISTING VALVE: A new line of Durco plug valves has been developed by Duriron Co., New York 17, N. Y. for heavy corrosive service. Type B has large cant screw and spring loaded check valve located in plug shank. It is retained in body by bolted bon-

HANDLES 500 POUNDS: Designed as No. 40 PC, a new type portable pallet crane is offered by G. Specialties Co., Chicago 22, Ill., handling shipping cases and boxes in and out of trucks, cars, etc., handling dies, coils, motors, engines and similar items. Capable of handling up to 500 pounds, the heavy plate pallet is 16 x 24 inches in

RIGHT ANGLE DRIVE UNIT: A new stock right angle drive designated RA-2, is announced by Ohio Gear Co., Cleveland, O. It has special spiral bevel gears, case hardened and matched and lapped pairs after hardening. Both input and output shafts are 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch diameter. Capacity is from 6 to 12 hp.

MEASURING MECHANICAL ACTION: BA-1 bridge and amplifier, announced by Ellis Associates, Pelham 65, N. Y., is designed for complete control of all SR-4 gages and similar instrumentation. It drives any standard cathode ray oscilloscope; covers a wide frequency range from static to high frequency.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

on the new products and equipment in this section, fill in a card. It will receive prompt attention.

Helpful Literature

High Temperature Carbides
Kennametal Inc. — 4-page folder, Element 1 to publication No. 255, presents information on physical properties of Kennametal grades in B class. They have high strength resistance to oxidation at 1800° F above, high modulus of elasticity and superior thermal shock resistance.

Pressed Steel Turntables
Hardinge Co. — 4-page illustrated bulletin No. 48 presents information on pressed steel turntables designed for any material processing or industrial operation where rail cars are used. Rail gage sizes range from 30 to 60 in. for cars with wheel spacings of 3 to 10 ft.

Transparent Plastic Models
Helm & Haas Co. — 12-page illustrated booklet "Plexiglas for Product Demonstration" shows how transparent acrylic can be used to build working and exhibit models to demonstrate product design and operation. Information on properties and various forms of this plastic are tabulated.

Stainless Clad Rolled Steel
Lan Wood Steel Co. — 8-page illustrated folder "Permaclad Stainless Flat Rolled Steel" describes material available in sheets and coils which combines corrosion resistance and other surface characteristics of stainless steel with form qualities of carbon steel.

Plating & Processing
Peaker Co. — 36-page illustrated booklet No. 148 depicts types of conventional automatic and semiautomatic plating and processing equipment in line and suggests methods for improving efficiency and economy in plating operations.

Zinc Cleaner
Ethon, Inc. — 1-page illustrated booklet deals with Ethon zinc cleaner 20 anodic alkaline electrocleaner for degreasing zinc base die-castings prior to plating with copper or nickel. Properties and operating instructions are included.

Grinding Machines
Cincinnati Grinders Inc. — 20-page illustrated publication No. G-566 discusses 6 and 10-in. plain hydraulic grinding machines for precision cylindrical work and, with attachments, for traverse and infeed grinding. Machines are usable for tool room job or long-run production work.

Induction Heating Unit
Lidberg Engineering Co., High Frequency Heating Div. — 2-page illustrated bulletin T-1420 discusses model LI-25 high frequency vacuum single-station induction heating unit suitable for heating metals and non-electrical conducting materials.

80. Wirebound Containers

Wirebound Box Manufacturers Association — 16-page illustrated booklet "What to Expect from Wirebound Boxes and Crates" covers such subjects as construction principles, basic styles and advantages of wirebound shipping containers. Features of containers include small storage requirements before use, speedy assembly, ease of handling, low tare weight and low initial cost.

81. Wire Rope Slings

John A. Roebling's Sons Co. — 72-page illustrated catalog A-900 presents information on wire rope, grommet and Flatweave slings as well as on wire rope fittings. Many different designs are listed, construction discussed and loads classified.

82. Hollow Spindle Lathes

R. K. LeBlond Machine Tool Co. — 4-page illustrated folder No. HS-111 deals with hollow spindle lathes available in 16 and 20-in. sizes with 5½ and 9-in. hole through spindle, respectively. Among features are electric brake with apron spindle start-stop control, hardened and ground steel bed ways, one-piece apron, and thrust-lock tailstock.

83. Time Recorder

International Business Machines Corp. — 6-page illustrated form No. 53-5717-1 describes IBM consecutive spacing alternating current time recorder with electronic self-regulation. Time stamps, recorders and signals can be self-supervised and kept on system time without special clock or signal wiring.

84. Testing Instrument

Sperry Products, Inc. — 4-page illustrated bulletin No. 50-105 deals with Reflectoscope type UR ultrasonic instrument for instantaneously locating defects in metals and other materials by application of single searching unit. Penetrating to depth of 30 ft of material, it can be used for testing raw stock, semifinished pieces or finished products.

85. Fuel Oil Additive

E. F. Houghton & Co. — 6-page illustrated folder "Houghto-Solv" discusses fast-acting fuel oil additive which thoroughly dissolves sludge in oil storage tanks and entire system. Making sludge burnable with oil, it improves operating efficiency of heating system and eliminates need for cleaning system.

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86. Scientific Equipment

Burrell Corp.—16-page illustrated "Announcer of Scientific Equipment," No. 49-10-36, presents brief history and modern trends in analysis of gases. Given are historical background and major developments in progress of analysis from Von Helmont's work in sixteenth century until present time. Recent laboratory equipment is listed also.

87. Shielded Arc Welding

Air Reduction Sales Co.—16-page illustrated catalog No. 9 is descriptive of inert-gas shielded-arc Heliwelding process. Booklet explains process and where to use it and also contains sections on equipment for manual, semiautomatic and automatic operation; new automatic filler-wire feeder and power supply equipment.

88. Spring Steels

Sandvik Steel, Inc.—32-page illustrated catalog No. 50 is guide to cold rolled and bright annealed spring steels and hardened, tempered and polished spring steel. Production processes are detailed and complete specifications for various sizes listed. Metric, hardness and temperature conversion; wire gage sizes and weight of spring steel are tabulated.

89. Geared-Head Lathes

American Steel Foundries, King Machine Tool Div.—Two illustrated catalogs S-1 and S-101 present information on standard and special type Sebastian geared-head lathes, respectively. Latter include gap, clutch, brake and other types.

90. Flexible Shaft Machines

Pratt & Whitney Div., Niles-Bement-Pond Co.—4-page illustrated circular No. 521 describes series M Kellerflex multiple speed flexible shaft machines for burring, filing, sanding, grinding, wire brushing or polishing.

91. Industrial Wire Baskets

Cleveland Wire Cloth & Mfg. Co.—Illustrated bulletin No. 8 describes use and application of industrial wire baskets. Listed are most commonly used styles, types of metal used and all data necessary for ordering for specific applications.

92. Collet Chucks

Sutton Tool Co.—Illustrated catalog describes Forst line of Levermatic and Handimatic collet chucks. Highlighted is external and internal gripping and releasing feature of chucks. Attachments, accessories and operating suggestions are given also.

93. Automatic Machinery

New Britain Machine Co.—10-page file "It Can Be Done" contains illustrated leaflets presenting histories of production problems which have been solved by use of automatic machinery. Engineering details are presented on each case and important operations are depicted.

94. Open Back Presses

Clearing Machine Corp.—8-page illustrated bulletin 211 explains features of open back inclinable presses which are available with 30 to 100-ton capacity and are adaptable to a wide variety of work including blanking, forming, drawing and assembly operations.

95. Nonferrous Castings

Wellman Bronze & Aluminum Co.—16-page illustrated catalog No. 10 describes nonferrous castings in wood and metal pattern operation. Included are data on magnesium alloys, polishing of aluminum, Wrought Castings, copper base alloys and pattern shrinkage of Ampco.

96. Helical Gear Drives

Foote Bros. Gear & Machine Co.—16-page illustrated engineering manual MPA gives data on MPA Power enclosed helical gear drives in single, double and triple reduction types. Space is devoted to service factors, load characteristics, ratings and selection factors.

97. Hydraulic Cylinders

Hydraulic Equipment Co.—4-page illustrated folder No. C-20649 is standard design, single and double acting cylinder assemblies. Recommended operating pressures, effective diameter, stroke required and other vital information are given.

98. Combustion Chambers

National Carbon Co.—Illustrated catalog section M-9602 depicts equipment for production of hydrogen chloride gas by burning hydrogen and chlorine. It describes graphite combustion chamber and impervious graphite burner nozzle and outlines operation of complete system.

99. Indirect Heaters

Black, Sivalls & Bryson, Inc.—16-page illustrated catalog 54, section 3, part 1, is designed to aid in selection of efficient indirect heater for job requirement. Description, features and specifications of indirect heaters and procedures for solving gas and oil heating problems are set forth.

100. Industrial Relays

Ward Leonard Electric Co.—16-page illustrated catalog No. D shows seven standard types of electric relays for industrial and general-purpose control applications. Complete technical data on ratings, dimensions, coil specifications and applications are included.

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Market Summary

INDUSTRIAL paralysis has been averted, but effects of the steel and coal strikes will be felt for months. Steel supply, especially flat-rolled products, will be short through April, maybe longer. It will take time to rebuild coal stocks though prompt resumption of mining has brightened the outlook considerably. Hopes are high the mine truce will extend beyond Nov. 30. Repairs to blast furnaces and steelworks will delay full operations at some reactivated plants. Quick snap-back of metal fabricating will be prevented by depleted and unbalanced steel inventories. Rationing, at least of an informal nature, appears a certainty. Meanwhile, warehouse, gray market and conversion tonnage will not be sufficient to bridge the gap.

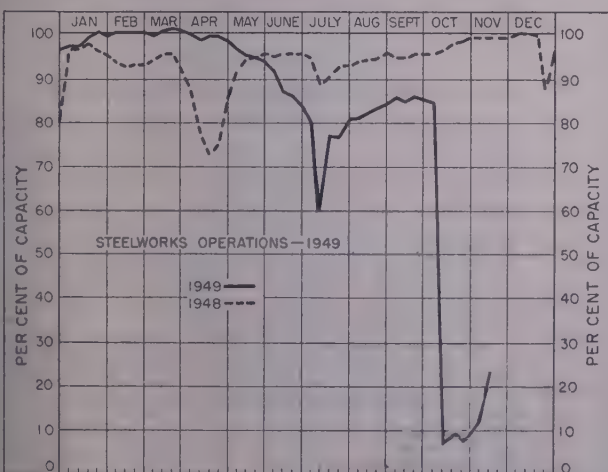
STRIKE LOSS—More than 8,500,000 net tons of ingots were lost from 1949 production in the six weeks since the strike's start. Assuming agreements are quickly reached with remaining struck plants, an additional loss of at least 2 million tons will be suffered as the mills get into operation. Direct-strike loss, therefore, will total around 10.5 million tons, equal to nearly 8 million tons of finished steel valued at over \$700 million, not including extra charges. Steelworkers lost an estimated \$178 million in wages. Even should welfare package gains average 10 cents per hour, it will take the workers 100 weeks to make up their wage loss. In addition, incalculable millions were lost in wages and production in the fabricating industries forced to curtail because of short steel supplies.

PRODUCTION—Operations are increasing as more mills get back into production and by the end of this week the rate will attain a "respectable" level. Last week the national ingot rate increased 12 points to 24 per cent of capacity. Operations advanced 14 points to 14 per cent at Cleveland; 41 points to 73½ at Buffalo; 4 points to 41 at Detroit; 35 points to 65 in Eastern Pennsylvania; 5 points to 5 at Youngstown.

$\frac{1}{2}$ point to 6 per cent at Chicago. The ingot rate at Wheeling was off 1 point to 60 per cent.

DELIVERIES—Specifying against contracts is heavy with the mills resuming. Tight supply looms for the next several months—into second quarter—in a number of products. Some prompt shipments are being made by reactivated mills from tonnage on hand at the strike's start and are against old orders. These, however, are not indicative of the overall situation. Delivery delays will extend into second quarter on sheets and strip. Most mills are not promising hot carbon bar tonnage under two months, while shape deliveries range up to eight weeks. Plates are relatively easy. Some producers expect to be in position to ship on new orders within three weeks after resuming operations. Anticipating a scarcity market, consumers are displaying increasing interest in conversion steel and some contracts have been placed. Gray market offerings are rising. Meanwhile, with inventories depleted or badly unbalanced fabricating operations are headed toward further curtailments.

PRICES—Uncertainty is mounting with respect to the price trend. Undertone of the market is strong, and all talk of declines has vanished. Conversion ingot currently is offered at \$80 per ton against the standard price of \$50. Isolated increases are expected before yearend but no industry-wide price move is anticipated before first quarter. It will take that long at least for producers to determine cost of the welfare package, estimates currently ranging up to \$4 per ton. The cost will vary among the separate interests. STEEL's weighted index on finished steel holds at 152.52 and the arithmetical composite is unchanged at \$91.64. Scrap shows increasing signs of strength but the composite on steelmaking grade is steady at \$28. Price composites on pig iron also are unchanged at \$45.60 for basic, \$46.10 for No. 2 foundry, and \$47.27 for malleable.



DISTRICT STEEL RATES

Percentage of Ingot Capacity Engaged in Leading Districts

	Week Ended		Same Week	
	Nov. 12	Change	1948	1947
Pittsburgh	2	None	97	102
Chicago	6	+ 0.5	99	95
Eastern Pa.	65	+35	95	93.5
Youngstown	5	+ 5	105	91
Wheeling	60	+ 1	92.5	93.5
Cleveland	14	+14	94.5	95.5
Buffalo	73.5	32.5°	105	88.5
Birmingham	6	None	100	99
New England	58	None	90	87
Cincinnati	52	None	103	91
St. Louis	91.5	None	82.5	77.5
Detroit	41	+ 4	99	92
Western	29.5	+ 8	..	..
Estimated national rate	24	+12	99	97

Based on weekly steelmaking capacity of 1,843,516 net tons for 1949; 1,802,476 net tons for 1948; 1,749,928 tons for 1947. *Change from revised rate.

Composite Market Averages

	Nov. 10 1949	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago	5 Yrs. Ago
FINISHED STEEL INDEX, Weighted:					
Index (1935-39 av.=100)	152.52	152.52	152.52	151.86	99.16
Index in cents per lb.	4.132	4.132	4.132	4.114	2.686
ARITHMETICAL PRICE COMPOSITES:					
Finished Steel, NT	\$91.64	\$91.64	\$91.64	\$95.05	\$56.73
No. 2 Fdry Pig Iron, GT	46.10	46.10	46.10	46.69	23.67
Malleable Pig Iron, GT.	47.27	47.27	47.27	47.41	24.29
Basic Pig Iron, GT.	45.60	45.60	45.60	46.29	23.00
Steelmaking Scrap, GT.	28.00	28.00	26.75	43.25	16.16

Weighted finished steel index based on average shipments and prices of the following 14 representative products during 5-year base period 1935-39: Structural shapes, plates, rails, hot-rolled and cold-finished bars, pipe, wire, nails, tin plate, hot and cold-rolled sheets, galvanized sheets, hot and cold-rolled strip. For complete explanation see STEEL, Sept. 19, 1949, p. 54.

Arithmetical steel price composite based on same products as the weighted finished steel index with the exception of rails, cold-finished bars, galvanized sheets and hot-rolled strip.

Basic and No. 2 foundry pig iron composites are based on average prices at Pittsburgh, Bethlehem, Birmingham, Buffalo, Chicago, Cleveland, Granite City, Youngstown. Malleable composite based on same points, except Birmingham.

Steelmaking scrap composite based on average prices of No. 1 heavy melting steel at Pittsburgh, Chicago and Philadelphia.

Comparison of Prices

Comparative prices by districts, in cents per pound except as otherwise noted. Delivered prices based on nearest production point.

FINISHED MATERIALS

	Nov. 10 1949	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago	5 Yrs. Ago
Bars, H.R., Pittsburgh	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.35-55	2.15
Bars, H.R., del. Phila.	3.83	3.83	3.83	3.79	2.47
Bars, H.R., Chicago	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.35	2.15
Bars, C.F., Pittsburgh	3.95-4.00	3.95-4.00	3.95-4.00	3.95-4.25	2.65
Bars, C.F., Chicago	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	2.65
Shapes, Std., Pittsburgh	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25-30	2.10
Shapes, Std., Chicago	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	2.10
Shapes, del. Phila.	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.48	2.215
Plates, Pittsburgh	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40-60	2.10
Plates, Chicago	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	2.10
Plates, Coatesville, Pa.	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.75	2.10
Plates, Sparrows Point, Md.	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.45	2.10
Plates, Claymont, Del.	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.95	2.10
Plates, del. Phila.	3.59	3.59	3.59	3.71	2.15
Sheets, H.R., Pittsburgh	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25-30	2.10
Sheets, H.R., Chicago	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	2.10
Sheets, C.R., Pittsburgh	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.05
Sheets, C.R., Chicago	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.05
Sheets, C.R., Detroit	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	3.15
Sheets, Galv., Pittsburgh	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	3.50
Strip, H.R., Pittsburgh	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25-70	2.10
Strip, H.R., Chicago	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25-30	2.10
Strip, C.R., Pittsburgh	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00-75	2.80
Strip, C.R., Chicago	4.00-15	4.00-15	4.00-15	4.00-25	2.90
Strip, C.R., Detroit	4.20-25	4.20-25	4.20-25	4.20-50	2.90
Wire, Basic, Pittsburgh	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15-4.50	2.60
Nails, Wire, Pittsburgh	5.15	5.15	5.15	5.15-6.30	2.55
Tin plate, box, Pittsburgh	\$7.75	\$7.75	\$7.75	\$6.70	\$5.00

SEMIFINISHED

Billets, forging, Pitts.(NT)	\$61.00	\$61.00	\$61.00	\$61.00	\$40.00
Sheet bar, mill(NT)	51.78-	51.78-	52.00-	67.00	34.00
	52.00	52.00	53.57		
Wire rods, $\frac{3}{8}$ -" , Pitts.	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40-4.15	2.00

PIG IRON, Gross Ton

Bessemer, Pitts.	\$47.00	\$47.00	\$47.00	\$47.00	\$24.50
Basic, Valley	46.00	46.00	46.00	46.00	23.50
Basic, del. Phila.	49.44	49.44	49.44	50.17	25.34
No. 2 Fdry, Pitts.	46.50	46.50	46.50	46.50	24.00
No. 2 Fdry, Chicago	46.50	46.50	46.50	46.00-46.50	24.00
No. 2 Fdry, Valley	46.50	46.50	46.50	46.50	24.00
No. 2 Fdry, del. Phila.	49.94	49.94	49.94	50.67	25.84
No. 2 Fdry, Birmingham	39.38	39.38	39.38	43.38	20.38
No. 2 Fdry, (Birm.) del. Cin.	46.08	46.08	46.08	49.09	24.06
Malleable, Valley	46.50	46.50	46.50	46.50	24.00
Malleable, Chicago	46.50	46.50	46.50	46.50	24.00
Charcoal, Lyles, Tenn.	60.00	60.00	60.00	66.00	33.00
Ferromanganese, Etina, Pa.	175.00	175.00	175.00	163.00	135.00

SCRAP, Gross Ton

No. 1 Heavy Melt, Pitts.	\$29.50	\$29.50	\$29.75	\$42.75	\$16.50
No. 1 Heavy Melt, E. Pa.	25.00	25.00	25.00	45.25	15.50
No. 1 Heavy Melt, Chicago	29.50	29.50	27.00	41.75	16.50
No. 1 Heavy Melt, Valley	32.75	29.25	31.25	42.75	16.25
No. 1 Heavy Melt, Cleve.	30.25	26.50	26.50	42.25	15.25
No. 1 Heavy Melt, Buffalo	27.25	27.25	28.25	48.50	17.00
Rails, Rerolling, Chicago	44.50	44.50	41.50	68.50	22.25
No. 1 Cast, Chicago	41.50	41.50	41.50	70.50	20.00

COKE, Gross Ton

Beehive, Furn., Connsvl.	\$13.25	\$13.25	\$13.25	\$14.50	\$7.00
Beehive, Fdry., Connsvl.	15.75	15.75	15.75	17.00	7.75
Oven, Fdry, Chicago	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.40	13.35

NONFERROUS METALS

Copper, del. Conn.	18.50	17.62½	18.50	17.625	23.50	12.00
Zinc, E. St. Louis	10.00	9.75	9.25	15.50	8.25	
Lead, St. Louis	12.55	12.80	14.05	21.30-35	6.35	
Tin, New York	94.50	94.00	96.00	103.00	52.00	
Aluminum, del.	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	15.00	
Antimony, Laredo, Tex.	32.00	32.00	38.50	38.50	14.50	
Nickel, refinery, duty paid	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	35.00	

Pig Iron

For key to producing companies, turn next page.
Minimum delivered prices do not include 3% federal tax.

PIG IRON, Gross Ton

	Basic	No. 2 Foundry	Malle- able	Be m
Bethlehem, Pa. B2	\$48.00	\$48.50	\$49.00	\$49.50
Newark, del.	50.63	51.13	51.63	52.13
Brooklyn, N.Y., del.	52.79	53.29		
Birmingham District				
Birmingham, Ala. R2, S9	38.88	39.38		
Woodward, Ala. W15	38.88	39.38		
Cincinnati, del.	46.08			
Buffalo District				
Buffalo H1, R2	46.00	46.50	47.00	
Tonawanda, N.Y. W12	46.00	46.50	47.00	
N. Tonawanda, N.Y. T9	46.00	46.50	47.00	
Boston, del.	55.26	55.76	56.26	
Rochester, N.Y., del.	48.63	49.13	49.63	
Syracuse, N.Y., del.	49.58	50.08	50.58	
Chicago District				
Chicago I-3	46.00	46.50	46.50	
Gary, Ind. C3	46.00		46.50	
Indiana Harbor, Ind. I-2	46.00		46.50	
So. Chicago, Ill. W14	46.00	46.50	46.50	
So. Chicago, Ill. C3	46.00		46.50	
So. Chicago, Ill. Y1	46.00	46.50	46.50	
Milwaukee, del.	47.89	48.39	48.39	
Muskegon, Mich. del.		51.98	51.98	
Cleveland District				
Cleveland A7	46.00	46.50	46.50	
Cleveland R2	46.00	46.50	46.50	
Akron, del. from Cleve.	48.39	48.89	48.89	
Lorain, O. N3	46.00			
Duluth I-3			46.50	
Erie, Pa. I-3	46.00	46.50	46.50	
Everett, Mass. E1		50.50	51.00	
Geneva, Utah G1	46.00	46.50		
Seattle, Tacoma, Wash., del.		54.20		
Portland, Oreg., del.		54.20		
Los Angeles, San Francisco, del.	53.70	54.20		
Granite City, Ill. M10	47.90	48.40	48.90	
St. Louis, del. (incl. tax)	48.65	49.15	49.65	
Ironton, Utah C11	46.00	46.50		
Minnequa, Colo. C10	47.00	47.50	47.50	
Pittsburgh District				
Neville Island, Pa. P6	46.00	46.50	46.50	
Pitts. N. & S. sides, Ambridge,				
Alquippa, del.	47.19	47.69	47.69	
McKees Rocks, del.	46.95	47.45	47.45	
Lawrenceville, Homestead,				
McKeesport, Monaca, del.	47.44	47.94	47.94	
Verona, del.	47.90	48.40	48.40	
Brackenridge, del.	48.13	48.63	48.63	
Bessemer, Pa. C3	46.00		46.50	
Clairton, Rankin, So. Duquesne, Pa. C3	46.00			
McKeesport, Pa. N3	46.00			
Sharpsville, Pa. S6	46.00	46.50	46.50	
Steeltown, Pa. B2	48.00	48.50	49.00	
Staubenville, O. W10	46.00			
Struthers, O. S16	46.00			
Swedeland, Pa. A3	48.00	48.50	49.00	
Philadelph. del.	49.44	49.94	50.44	
Toledo, O. I-3	46.00	46.50	46.50	
Cincinnati, del.	51.01	51.51		
Troy, N.Y. R2	48.00	48.50	49.00	
Youngstown District				
Hubbard, O. Y1	46.00	46.50	46.50	
Youngstown C3	46.00			
Youngstown Y1	46.00	46.50	46.50	
Mansfield, O., del.	50.26	50.76	50.76	

* Low phos, Southern grade.

PIG IRON DIFFERENTIALS

Silicon: Add 50 cents per ton for each 0.25% Si over base grade, 2.25%
Phosphorous: Deduct 38 cents per ton for P content of 0.70% and
Manganese: Add 50 cents per ton for each 0.50% manganese over
 or portion thereof.
Nickel: Under 0.50% no extra; 0.50-0.74%, incl., add \$2 per ton
 each additional 0.25%, add \$1 per ton.

BLAST FURNACE SILVERY PIG IRON, Gross Ton

(Base 6.00-6.50% silicon; Add \$1 for each 0.5% Si to 11.50%)
 Jackson, O. J1, G2 \$5
 Buffalo H1 6

ELECTRIC FURNACE SILVERY PIG IRON, Gross Ton

(Base 14.01-14.50% silicon; Add \$1 for each 0.5% Si to 18%;
 each 0.5% Mn over 1%; \$1 for 0.045% max. P)
 Niagara Falls, N.Y. P15 \$7
 Keokuk, Iowa, Openheart & Fdry, frt. allowed K2 7
 Keokuk, Iowa, OH & Fdry, 12½ lb. piglets, frt. allowed K2 8
 Wenatchee, Wash. OH & Fdry, frt. allowed K2 7

CHARCOAL PIG IRON, Gross Ton

(Low phos, semi-cold blast; differential charged for silicon on
 base grade; also for hard chilling iron Nos. 5 & 6)
 Lyles, Tenn. T3 \$6

LOW PHOSPHOROUS PIG IRON, Gross Ton

Cleveland, intermediate, A7 \$5
 Steeltown, Pa. B2 5
 Philadelphia delivered 5
 Troy, N.Y. R2 5

Semifinished and Finished Steel Products

Mill prices as reported to STEEL Nov. 10, 1949; cents per pound unless otherwise noted. Changes shown in italics.
Code numbers following mill points indicate producing company; key on next two pages.

ROTS, Carbon, Forging (NT)		STRUCTURALS		PLATES, High-Strength Low-Alloy		BAR S & SMALL SHAPES, H.R., High-Strength Low-Alloy		SparrowsPoint, Md. B2	
rolit R7 .....\$50.00		Wide Flange		Albuquerque, Pa. J5 .....5.20		Albuquerque, Pa. J5 .....5.10		Struthers, O. Y1 .....3.35	
Munhall, Pa. C3 .....50.00		Bethlehem, Pa. B2 .....3.30		Bessemer, Ala. T2 .....5.20		Bessemer, Ala. T2 .....5.10		Torrance, Calif. C11 .....4.05	
		Lackawanna, N.Y. B2 .....3.30		Clairton, Pa. C3 .....5.20		Bethlehem, Pa. B2 .....5.10		Youngstown C3, R2 .....3.35	
		Munhall, Pa. C3 .....3.20		Cleveland J5, R2 .....5.20		Gary, Ind. C3 .....5.10			
		So. Chicago, Ill. C3 .....3.20		Conshohocken, Pa. A3 .....5.20		Cleveland R2 .....5.10			
				Ecorse, Mich. G5 .....5.45		Ecorse, Mich. G5 .....5.30			
				Fairfield, Ala. T2 .....5.20		Fairfield, Ala. T2 .....5.10			
				Fontana, Calif. K1 .....5.80		Fontana, Calif. K1 .....5.15			
				Gary, Ind. C3 .....5.20		Gary, Ind. C3 .....5.10			
				Geneva, Utah G1 .....5.20		Ind. Harbor, Ind. I-2, Y1, 5.10			
				Houston, Tex. S5 .....5.60		Johnstown, Pa. B2 .....5.10			
				Ind. Harbor, Ind. I-2, Y1, 5.20		Lackawanna, N.Y. B2 .....5.10			
				Johnstown, Pa. B2 .....5.20		Pittsburgh J5 .....5.10			
				Munhall, Pa. C3 .....5.20		So. Duquesne, Pa. C3 .....5.10			
				Pittsburgh J5 .....5.20		Struthers, O. Y1 .....5.10			
				Sharon, Pa. S3 .....5.65		Youngstown C3 .....5.10			
				So. Chicago, Ill. C3 .....5.20					
				SparrowsPoint, Md. B2 .....5.20					
				Warren, O. R2 .....5.20					
				Youngstown Y1 .....5.20					

MARKET PRICES

SHEETS, H-R (14 ga., heavier) High-Strength Low-Alloy	
Cleveland J5, R2	4.95
Conshohocken, Pa. A3	4.95
Ecorse, Mich. G5	5.15
Fairfield, Ala. T2	4.95
Fontana, Calif. K1	6.64
Gary, Ind. C3	4.95
Ind. Harbor, Ind. I-2, Y1	4.95
Irvin, Pa. C3	4.95
Lackawanna, N.Y. B2	4.95
Pittsburgh J5	4.95
Sharon, Pa. S3	4.95
So. Chicago, Ill. C3	4.95
SparrowsPoint, Md. B2	4.95
Warren, O. R2	4.95
Weirton, W. Va. W6	4.95
Youngstown C3, Y1	4.95

SHEETS, Gal'zd No. 10 Steel	
Alabama City, Ala. R2	4.40
Ashland, Ky. (8) A10	4.40
Canton, O. R2	4.40
Delphos, O. N16	5.40
Dover, O. R1	5.40
Fairfield, Ala. T2	4.40
Gary, Ind. C3	4.40
Granite City, Ill. G4	4.60
Ind. Harbor, Ind. I-2	4.40
Irvin, Pa. C3	4.40
Kokomo, Ind. C16	4.50
Martins Ferry, O. W10	4.40
Niles, O. N12	4.40
Pittsburgh, Calif. C11	5.15
SparrowsPoint, Md. B2	4.40
Steubenville, O. W10	4.40
Torrance, Calif. C11	5.15
Weirton, W. Va. W6	4.40

SHEETS, Galvanized No. 10, High-Strength Low-Alloy	
Irvin, Pa. C3	6.75
SparrowsPoint, Md. B2	6.75

SHEETS, Galvannealed Steel	
Canton, O. R2	4.95
Irvin, Pa. C3	4.95
Kokomo, Ind. C16	5.05
Niles, O. N12	4.95

SHEETS, Zincgrip No. 10	
Butler, Pa. A10	4.65
Middletown, O. A10	4.65

SHEETS, Electro Galvanized	
Cleveland R2	5.15
Niles, O. R2	5.15
Weirton, W. Va. W6	5.00

SHEETS, Zinc Alloy	
Ind. Harbor, Ind. I-2	5.05

TIN PLATE, Electrolytic (Base Box)	
Albuquerque, Pa. J5	\$6.45
Fairfield, Ala. T2	6.55
Gary, Ind. C3	6.45
Granite City, Ill. G4	6.65
Ind. Harbor, Ind. I-2, Y1	6.45
Irvin, Pa. C3	6.45
Niles, O. R2	6.45
Pittsburgh, Calif. C11	7.20
SparrowsPoint, Md. B2	6.55
Weirton, W. Va. W6	6.45
Yorkville, O. W10	6.45

SHEET SILICON (24 Gage Base)	
BeechBottom, W. Va. W10	5.45
Brackenridge, Pa. A4	5.95
Follansbee, W. Va. F4	5.95
Granite City, Ill. G4	6.15
Ind. Harbor, Ind. I-2	5.15
Mansfield, O. E6	5.15
Niles, O. M4	5.45
Toronto, O. F4	5.45
Vandergrift, Pa. C3	5.45
Warren, O. R2	5.45
Zanesville, O. A10	5.45

COILS AND CUT LENGTHS, Cold-Rolled, Silicon	
Vandergrift, Pa. C3	5.70
Warren, O. R2	5.40

SHEETS, Silicon Transformer Grade	
BeechBottom, W. Va. W10	8.05
Brackenridge, Pa. A4	8.05
Follansbee, W. Va. F4	8.05
Toronto, O. F4	8.05
Vandergrift, Pa. C3	8.05
Zanesville, O. A10	8.05

COLD-REDUCED COILS and Cut Lengths, Silicon	
Butler, Pa. A10	12.35
Vandergrift, Pa. C3	8.30
Warren, O. R2	8.30

SHEETS, Culvert, Cu No. 16 Flat Alloy	
Ashland A10	5.00
Canton, O. R2	5.05
Fairfield, Ala. T-2	5.00
Gary C3	5.00
Granite City G4	5.40
Irvin C3	5.00
Kokomo C16	5.40
Martins Ferry, O. W10	5.00
Pittsburgh, Cal. C11	5.75
Sparrows Pt. B2	5.00
Torrance, Cal. C11	5.75

SHEETS, Culvert, No. 16 Flat Ingot Iron	
Ashland, Ky. A10	5.25

SHEETS, Well Casing	
Torrance, Calif. C11	4.75
Youngstown C3	3.75

SHEETS, Aluminumized	
Butler, Pa. A10	7.75

SHEETS, Long Terne, Steel (No. 10; Commercial Quality)	
BeechBottom, W. Va. W10	4.80
Gary, Ind. C3	4.80
Mansfield, O. E6	4.80
Middletown, O. A10	4.80
Weirton, W. Va. W6	4.80

ROOFING SHORT TERNES (Package; 8 lb coated)	
Gary, Ind. C3	\$17.50
Yorkville, O. W10	\$17.50

MANUFACTURING TERNES (Special Coated)	
Fairfield, Ala. T2	\$6.75
Gary, Ind. C3	6.65
Ind. Harbor, Ind. I-2	6.65
Irvin, Pa. C3	6.65
Weirton, W. Va. W6	6.65
Yorkville, O. W10	6.65

SHEETS, Lt. Coated Ternes, 6 lb	
Yorkville, O. W10	\$7.20

SHEETS, Mfg. Ternes, 8 lb	
Gary, Ind. C3	\$8.10
Yorkville, O. W10	\$8.10

SHEETS, Coated Ternes, 12 lb	
Gary, Ind. C3	8.95
Yorkville, O. W10	8.95

SHEETS, Long Terne, Ingot Iron	
Middletown, O. A10	5.20

TIN PLATE, American 1.25 Coke (Base Box)	
Albuquerque, Pa. J5	\$7.50
Fairfield, Ala. T2	7.60
Gary C3	7.50
Gran. City, Ill. G4	7.70
Ind. Harb. I-2, Y1	7.50
Irvin, Pa. C3	7.50
Pitts. Cal. C11	8.25
Sp. Pt. Md. B2	7.60
Warren R2	7.50
Weirton W6	7.50
Yorkville, O. W10	7.50

SHEETS, Cold-Rolled Ingot Iron	
Ashland, Ky. (8) A10	3.50
Warren, O. R2	3.85

SHEETS, Cold-Rolled Ingot Iron	
Warren, O. R2	4.60

SHEETS, Hot-Rolled Ingot Iron 18 Gage and Heavier	
Ashland, Ky. (8) A10	3.50
Cleveland R2	3.85
Ind. Harbor, Ind. I-2	3.50
Warren, O. R2	3.85

SHEETS, Cold-Rolled Ingot Iron No. 10 Flat	
Ashland, Ky. (8) A10	4.65
Canton, O. R2	5.15
Ind. Harbor, Ind. I-2	4.95

SHEETS, Zincgrip No. 10 Flat, Ingot Iron	
Butler, Pa. A10	4.90
Middletown, O. A10	4.90

HOLLOWWARE ENAMELING Black Plate (29 gage)	
Albuquerque, Pa. J5	5.30
Follansbee, W. Va. F4	5.30
Gary, Ind. C3	5.30
Granite City, Ill. G4	5.50
Ind. Harbor, Ind. Y1	5.30
Irvin, Pa. C3	5.30
Niles, O. R2	5.30
SparrowsPoint, Md. B2	5.40
Warren, O. R2	5.30
Yorkville, O. W10	5.30

SHEETS, Enam'l'g. Iron, No. 12	
Ashland, Ky. (8) A10	4.40
Cleveland R2	4.40
Ecorse, Mich. G5	4.70
Gary, Ind. C3	4.40
Granite City, Ill. G4	4.60
Ind. Harbor, Ind. I-2	4.40
Irvin, Pa. C3	4.40
Middletown, O. A10	4.40
Niles, O. M4	4.40
Youngstown Y1	4.40

CANMAKING BLACK PLATE (Base Box)	
Albuquerque, Pa. J5	\$5.75
Fairfield, Ala. T2	5.85
Gary, Ind. C3	5.75
Granite City, Ill. G4	5.95
Ind. Harbor, Ind. I-2, Y1	5.75
Irvin, Pa. C3	5.75
Niles, O. R2	5.75
Pittsburgh, Calif. C11	6.50
SparrowsPoint, Md. B2	5.85
Warren, O. R2	5.75
Weirton, W. Va. W6	5.75
Yorkville, O. W10	5.75

TIN PLATE, American 1.25 Coke (Base Box)	
Albuquerque, Pa. J5	\$7.50
Fairfield, Ala. T2	7.60
Gary C3	7.50
Gran. City, Ill. G4	7.70
Ind. Harb. I-2, Y1	7.50
Irvin, Pa. C3	7.50
Pitts. Cal. C11	8.25
Sp. Pt. Md. B2	7.60
Warren R2	7.50
Weirton W6	7.50
Yorkville, O. W10	7.50

SHEETS, Hot-Rolled Ingot Iron	
Ashland, Ky. (8) A10	3.50
Warren, O. R2	3.85

SHEETS, Cold-Rolled Ingot Iron	
Warren, O. R2	4.60

SHEETS, Hot-Rolled Carbon	
Alton, Ill. (1) L1	3.25
Ashland, Ky. (8) A10	3.25
Atlanta A11	3.40
Bessemer, Ala. T2	3.25
Bridgeport, Conn. (10) S15	3.25
Butler, Pa. A10	3.25
Carnegie, Pa. S18	3.25
Detroit M1	3.45
Ecorse, Mich. G5	3.45
Fairfield, Ala. T2	3.25
Fontana, Calif. K1	4.40
Gary, Ind. C3	3.25
Houston, Tex. S5	3.65
Ind. Harbor, Ind. I-2, Y1	3.25
Kansas City, Mo. (9) S5	3.55
Lackawanna, N.Y. B2	3.25
Los Angeles B3	4.00
Milwaukee B6	3.25
Minneapolis, Colo. C10	3.40
New Britain (10) S15	3.25
N. Tonawanda, N.Y. B11	3.30
Pittsburgh, Calif. C11	4.00
Pittsburgh J5	3.25
Riverdale, Ill. A1	3.25
San Francisco S7	4.00
Seattle B3, N14	4.25
Sharon, Pa. S3	3.25
So. Chicago, Ill. W14	3.25
So. San Francisco B3	4.00
SparrowsPoint, Md. B2	3.25
Torrance, Calif. C11	4.00
Warren, O. R2	3.25
Weirton, W. Va. W6	3.25
West Leechburg, Pa. A4	3.25
Youngstown C3, Y1	3.25

STRIP, Hot-Rolled Alloy	
Bridgeport, Conn. (10) S15	5.10
Carnegie, Pa. S18	5.10
Fontana, Calif. K1	6.30
Gary, Ind. C3	5.10
Houston, Tex. S5	5.50
Kansas City, Mo. S5	5.70
New Britn, Conn. (10) S15	5.10
Sharon, Pa. S3	5.10
Youngstown C3	5.10

STRIP, Cold-Rolled Alloy Steel	
Bridgeport, Conn. (10) S15	9.50
Carnegie, Pa. S18	9.50
Cleveland A7	9.50
Dover, O. G6	9.50
Harrison, N.J. C18	9.80
New Britn, Conn. (10) S15	9.50
Pawtucket, R.I. (11) N8	9.50

STRIP, Cold-Finished, Spring Steel (Annealed)	
Bridgeport, Conn. (10) S15	4.00
Bristol, Conn. W1	5.50
Carnegie, Pa. S18	5.50
Chicago T6	4.25
Cleveland A7	4.00
Dover, O. G6	4.00
Harrison, N.J. C18	4.50
Mattapan, Mass. T6	4.50
New Britn, Conn. (10) S15	4.00
New Castle, Pa. B4	4.00
New York W3	5.80
Pawtucket, R.I. N8	5.80
Cleve. or Pitts. Base	4.55
Worcester, Mass. Base	4.50
Sharon, Pa. S3	4.00
Trenton, N.J. R5	6.30
Union, N.J. H6	4.40
Wallington, Conn. W2	4.50
Weirton, W. Va. W6	4.00
Worcester, Mass. A7	4.30
Worcester, Mass. T6	4.50
Youngstown C8	4.50

STRIP, Cold-Rolled Carbon	
Alton, Ill. (1) L1	3.25
Ashland, Ky. (8) A10	3.25
Atlanta A11	3.40
Bessemer, Ala. T2	3.25
Bridgeport, Conn. (10) S15	3.25
Butler, Pa. A10	3.25
Carnegie, Pa. S18	3.25
Detroit M1	3.45
Ecorse, Mich. G5	3.45
Fairfield, Ala. T2	3.25
Fontana, Calif. K1	4.40
Gary, Ind. C3	3.25
Houston, Tex. S5	3.65
Ind. Harbor, Ind. I-2, Y1	3.25
Kansas City, Mo. (9) S5	3.55
Lackawanna, N.Y. B2	3.25
Los Angeles B3	4.00
Milwaukee B6	3.25
Minneapolis, Colo. C10	3.40
New Britain (10) S15	3.25
N. Tonawanda, N.Y. B11	3.30
Pittsburgh, Calif. C11	4.00
Pittsburgh J5	3.25
Riverdale, Ill. A1	3.25
San Francisco S7	4.00
Seattle B3, N14	4.25
Sharon, Pa. S3	3.25
So. Chicago, Ill. W14	3.25
So. San Francisco B3	4.00
SparrowsPoint, Md. B2	3.25
Torrance, Calif. C11	4.00
Warren, O. R2	3.25
Weirton, W. Va. W6	3.25
West Leechburg, Pa. A4	3.25
Youngstown C3, Y1	3.25

STRIP, Cold-Rolled, High-Strength Low-Alloy	
Cleveland A7, J5	6.75
Dover, O. G6	6.75
Ecorse, Mich. G5	6.75
Fontana, Calif. K1	6.75
Lackawanna, N.Y. B2	6.75
Pittsburgh J5	6.75
Sharon, Pa. S3	6.75
SparrowsPoint, Md. B2	6.75
Warren, O. R2	6.75
Weirton, W. Va. W6	6.75
Youngstown Y1	6.75

STRIP, Electro Galvanized	
Weirton, W. Va. W6	6.75
Youngstown C8	6.75

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STANDARD PIPE, T. & C.

Size Inches	List Per Ft	Pounds Per Ft	Carload Discounts from List, %					
			Black			Galvanized		
			A	B	C	D	E	F
1/8	5.5c	0.24	41.5	39.5	38.5	13.5	11.5	10.5
1/4	6.0	0.42	39.5	37.5	36.5	15.5	13.5	12.5
3/8	6.0	0.57	36	34	33	12.5	10.5	9.5
1/2	8.5	0.85	43	41	42	26.5	24.5	25.5
3/4	11.5	1.13	46	44	45	30.5	28.5	29.5
1	17.0	1.68	48.5	46.5	47.5	33.5	31.5	32.5
1 1/4	23.0	2.28	49	47	48	34	32	33
1 1/2	27.5	2.73	49.5	47.5	48.5	34.5	32.5	33.5
2	37.0	3.68	50	48	49	35	33	34
2 1/2	58.5	5.82	50.5	48.5	49.5	35.5	33.5	34.5
3	76.5	7.62	50.5	48.5	49.5	35.5	33.5	34.5

Column A: Etna, Pa. N2; Monaca, Pa. P9; Sharon, Pa. M6; Butler, Pa. 1/2 through 3/4; Benwood, W. Va. 1 1/2 percent-age points lower on 1/2", 2 points lower on 3/4", 3 points lower on 1/2" W10; Wheatland, Pa., 2 points lower on 1/2" through 3/4" W9. Following make 1/2 through 3" only: Lorain, O. N3; Youngstown R2, Y1; Aliquippa, Pa. J5. Fontana, Calif., K1 quotes 11 points lower on 1/2" through 3".

Columns B & E: Sparrows Point Md. B2; Wheatland, Pa., 1/2" through 3/4", W9.

Columns C & F: Alton, Ill. (Lorain, O. Base) L1; Indiana Harbor, Ind., 1/2" through 3", Y1.

Column D: Etna, Pa. N2; Monaca, Pa. P9; Sharon, Pa. M6; Butler, Pa., 1/2 through 3/4, F6; Benwood, W. Va., except 3 1/2 points lower on 1/2", 2 1/2 pts on 3/4", 3 pts on 1/2" W10; Wheatland, Pa., except 2 pts lower on 1/2" through 3/4" W9. Following make 1/2 through 3" only: Lorain N3; Youngstown R2, Y1; Aliquippa, Pa. J5. Fontana, Calif., K1 quotes 11 points lower on 1/2" through 3".

SEAMLESS AND ELECTRIC WELD

Size Inches	List Per Ft	Pounds Per Ft	Carload Discounts from List, %			
			Seamless		Elec. Weld	
			Black	Galv.	Black	Galv.
2	37.0c	3.68	38.5	23	38.5	23
2 1/2	58.5	5.82	41.5	26	41.5	26
3	76.5	7.62	41.5	26	41.5	26
3 1/2	92.0	9.20	43.5	28	43.5	28
4	\$1.09	10.89	43.5	28	43.5	28
5	1.48	14.81	43.5	28	43.5	28
6	1.92	19.18	43.5	28	43.5	28

Column A: Aliquippa J5; Ambridge N2; Lorain N3; Youngstown Y1.

Column B: Aliquippa J5; Lorain, O. N3; Youngstown Y1.

Columns C & D: Youngstown R2.

BOILER TUBES

Net base c.l. prices, dollars per 100 ft, mill; minimum wall thickness, cut lengths 4 to 24 in., inclusive.

O.D. in.	B.W. Ga.	Seamless		Elec. Weld	
		H.R.	C.D.	H.R.	C.D.
1	13	11.50	13.39	13.00	13.00
1 1/4	13	13.62	15.87	13.21	15.39
1 1/2	13	15.05	17.71	14.60	17.18
1 3/4	13	17.11	20.15	16.60	19.54
2	13	19.18	22.56	18.60	21.89
2 1/4	13	21.37	25.16	20.73	24.40
2 1/2	12	23.54	27.70	22.83	26.88
2 3/4	12	25.79	30.33	25.02	29.41
3	12	27.33	32.14	26.51	31.18
3 1/4	12	28.68	33.76	27.82	32.74
3 1/2	11	33.39	39.29	32.39	38.11
3 3/4	11	35.85	42.20	34.78	40.94
4	10	44.51	52.35	43.17	50.78
4 1/2	9	58.99	69.42	.....	.....
5	9	68.28	80.35	.....	.....
6	7	104.82	123.33	.....	.....

Boiler tube producers include Babcock & Wilcox Tube Co., National Tube Co., Globe Steel Tubes Co., Pacific Tube Co., Pittsburgh Steel Co., Republic Steel Corp., Standard Tube Co.

CLAD STEELS

(Cents per pound)

Plates		Strip		Sheets	
Cladding	Carbon Base	Cold-Rolled Carbon Base	Carbon Base	Carbon Base	Copper Base
Stainless	10%	20%	10% Both Sides	10%	20%
302	.....	.....	.....	19.75	21.50
304	22.50	26.50	.....	20.75	22.50
305	.....	.....	.....	.....	79.00
309	27.00	31.00	.....	.....	105.00
310	32.50	36.50	.....	.....	.....
316	27.00	31.00	.....	26.00	28.00
317	30.50	34.50	.....	.....	.....
318	29.50	33.50	.....	.....	.....
321	23.50	27.50	.....	23.00	25.00
347	25.00	29.00	.....	24.00	26.00
405	18.75	24.75	.....	.....	94.00
410	18.25	24.25	.....	.....	.....
430	18.25	24.25	.....	.....	.....
Nickel	27.50	34.50	31.50	41.00	.....
Inconel	36.00	46.00	.....	.....	88.00
Monel	29.00	37.00	26.50	33.50	115.00
Copper	.....	.....	19.75	23.75	83.00

* Deoxidized, † Deduct 4.25c for hot-rolled. Production for carbon base products are: Stainless plates and sheets, Conshohocken, Pa. A3 and New Castle, Ind. 1-4; stainless-clad plates, Claymont, Del. W16 and Coatesville, Pa. L7; nickel, Inconel and monel-clad plates, Coatesville L7; nickel, monel and copper-clad strip, Carnegie, Pa. S18. Production point for copper-base sheets is Carnegie A13.

BOLTS, NUTS

(To consumers)

F.o.b. midwestern plants. Additional discounts on carriage, machine bolts, 5 for c1; 15 for full containers, except tire and plow bolts.

CARRIAGE, MACHINE BOLTS

(Per cent off list)	
1/2-in., smaller; up to 6 in. long	35
3/4-in. x 6 in., shorter	37
1-in. x 6 in., shorter	34
1 1/4-in. x 6 in., shorter	34
1 1/2-in. x 6 in., shorter	34
1 3/4-in. x 6 in., shorter	34
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NUTS

Semifinished	A.S. Reg. &
hexagon	Light Heavy
7/8-in., smaller.	.41 off
1-in., smaller.	38 off
1/2-in.-1-in.	.39 off
1 1/4-in.-1 1/2-in.	.37 off
1 1/2-in.-1 3/4-in.	.37 off
1 3/4-in., larger.	.34 off
Additional discount of 15 for	
full containers.	

WAREHOUSE STEEL PRODUCTS

(Prices, cents per pound, for delivery within switching limits, subject to extras)

	SHEETS			STRIP		BARS		H.R. Alloy 4140s	Standard Structural Shapes	PLATES	
	H.R. 18 Ga. Heavier*	C.R. 15 Ga.	Galv. 10 Ga.†	H.R.*	C.R.*	H.R. Rds.	C.F. Rds.			Carbon	Floor
New York (city)	5.60	6.51	7.10	5.82	...	5.77	6.31	8.28	5.53	5.85	7.38
New York (c'try)	5.40	6.31	6.90	5.62	...	5.57	6.11	8.08	5.33	5.65	7.18
London (city) ..	5.75	6.75**	7.16	5.80	...	5.72	6.22	8.77	5.62	5.95	7.45
London (c'try) ..	5.55	6.55**	6.96	5.60	...	5.52	6.02	8.57	5.42	5.75	7.25
San Francisco (city)...	5.90	6.49	6.88	5.65	...	5.65	6.21	8.10	5.35	5.80	6.80
San Francisco (c'try)...	5.65	6.24	6.63	5.40	...	5.40	5.96	7.85	5.10	5.35	6.55
Chicago (city)...	5.46	6.36	6.81	5.52	...	5.57	6.05	...	5.51	5.71	7.16
Chicago (c'try)...	5.31	6.21	6.66	5.37	...	5.42	5.91	...	5.36	5.56	7.01
St. Louis (city)...	5.80†	...	...	...	...	6.05	7.05	...	6.05	6.05	7.55
St. Louis (w'hse)...	6.07†	...	...	5.83	...	5.88	6.82	...	5.82	6.02	7.47
St. Louis (del.)...	5.00†	5.90	7.57	5.39	6.42	5.10	5.60	10.13	5.15	5.50	7.06
St. Louis (w'hse)...	4.85†	5.75	7.42	5.24	6.27	4.95	5.40	9.60	5.00	5.35	6.91
St. Louis (w'hse)...	4.85	5.75*	6.80	5.00	6.00	4.90	5.40	9.20††	4.90	5.05	6.55
St. Louis (w'hse)...	5.32	6.22*	7.35	5.42	6.42-6.73	5.48	5.90	8.44-8.59	5.48	5.67	7.02
St. Louis (del.)...	5.00	5.90	6.70	5.15-5.18	6.15	5.15-5.16	5.60	7.84-8.00	5.15-5.16	5.35-5.36	6.80-6.81
St. Louis (w'hse)...	4.85	5.75	6.55	5.00-5.03	6.00	5.00-5.01	5.45	7.54-7.85	5.00-5.01	5.20-5.21	6.65-6.66
St. Louis (w'hse)...	5.27†	5.94**	6.83	5.39	6.10	5.44	5.95	...	5.44	5.64	7.05
St. Louis (city)...	5.05	5.95*	7.05	5.05	6.35-6.85	5.10	5.60	7.90*	5.10	5.30	6.75
St. Louis (w'hse)...	4.85	5.75*	6.85	4.85	6.15-6.65	4.90	5.40	7.70*	4.90	5.10	6.55
St. Louis (city)...	5.18	6.08*	7.18	5.18	6.48-6.98	5.23	5.78	8.03*	5.23	5.43	6.88
St. Louis (c'try)...	5.03	5.93*	7.03	5.03	6.33-6.83	5.08	5.63	7.88*	5.08	5.28	6.73
St. Louis (del.)...	5.37	6.27*	7.44	5.34	6.64	5.39	6.19*	6.64	5.39	5.59	7.04
St. Louis (w'hse)...	5.22	6.12*	7.29	5.19	6.49	5.24	6.04*	6.49	5.24	5.44	6.89
St. Louis (city)...	5.00	5.90	6.55	5.00	...	5.00	6.83	...	5.05	5.25	7.69
St. Louis (w'hse)...	4.85	5.75	6.40	4.85	...	4.85	6.68	...	4.90	5.10	7.54
St. Louis (c'try)...	6.13†	...	8.33	6.13	...	6.18	6.98	...	6.18	6.38	7.83
St. Louis (del.)...	5.60	7.15	7.60	6.10	7.75	5.75	7.40	...	5.60	5.65	7.90
St. Louis (w'hse)...	5.45	7.00	7.45	5.95	7.60	5.60	7.25	...	5.45	5.50	7.75
St. Louis (del.)...	6.15†	7.50*	7.80	6.75†	8.25*	5.90†	7.55	10.85†	5.90	6.35	8.10
St. Louis (w'hse)...	6.70†	8.15*	8.80	6.70†	...	6.20†	8.15†	10.10	6.00†	6.35†	8.40†

* Prices do not include gage extras; † prices include gage and coating extras, except Birmingham (coating extra excluded) and Los Angeles (gage extra excluded); ‡ as rolled; ** 17 gage; †† as annealed. Base quantities: 400 to 1999 lb except as noted; Cold-rolled strip, 2000 lb and over; cold-rolled bars, 1000 lb and over; galvanized sheets, 450 lb to 1499 lb; 1—1500 lb and over; 2—1000 to 4999 lb; 3—450 to 1499 lb; 4—400 to 1499 lb; 5—1000 to 1999 lb; 6—1000 lb and over; 7—300 to 999 lb; 8—1500 to 1999 lb; 9—400 to 3999 lb; 10—400 lb and over; 11—500 to 1499 lb.

REFRACTORIES

(Prices per 1000 bricks, f.o.b. plant)

FIRE CLAY BRICK

Heat Duty: St. Louis, Vandalla, Farber, Mo., Olive Hill, Ky., Clearfield, or Bensenville, Pa., Ottawa, Ill., \$100. Hard-wood, \$135 at above points.

Heat Duty: Salina, Pa. \$85; Woodbridge, Pa., St. Louis, Farber, Vandalla, Mexico, West Decatur, Orviston, Clearfield, Beach, Ark., or Curwensville, Pa., Olive Hill, Tenn., Haldeman, or Ashland, Ky., Troup, Athens, Tex., Stevens Pottery, Ga., Portsmouth, or Oak Hill, O., Ottawa, Ill., \$80.

Heat Duty: St. Louis, or Vandalla, Mo., West Decatur, Orviston, Beach, Ark., or Clearfield, Pa., Olive Hill, Hinchins, Haldeman, Ky., Athens, or Troup, Tenn., Stevens Pottery, Ga., Portsmouth, O., Ottawa, Ill., \$74.

Heat Duty: Oak Hill, or Portsmouth, O., Clearfield, Orviston, Pa., Bessemer, Ala., Ottawa, Ill., \$68.

LADLE BRICK

Press: \$55, Freeport, Merill Station, Clearfield, Pa., Chester, New Cumberland, Va.; Irondale, Wellsville, O.

Cut: \$53, Chester, New Cumberland, Va.; Wellsville, O.

MALLEABLE BUNG BRICK

St. Louis, Mo., Olive Hill, Ky., Ottawa, Ill., Beach Creek, Pa., \$80.

SILICA BRICK

Union, Claysburg, or Sproul, Pa., Ensley, Ala., \$80; Hays, Pa., \$85; Joliet or Rockdale, Ill., Chicago, Ind., \$89; Lehi, Utah, Los Angeles, \$95.

Western Silica Coke Oven Shapes: Claysburg, Union, Sproul, Pa., Birmingham, \$80.

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BASIC BRICK

Base prices per net ton; f.o.b. works, Baltimore or Chester, Pa.)

Chemical-bonded chrome brick, \$66; Chemical-bonded magnesite brick, \$69; magnesite brick, \$91; Chemical-bonded magnesite, \$80.

MAGNESITE

Base prices per net ton, f.o.b. works, Chewelah, Wash.)

Chemical-bonded, 3/4" grains; Bulk, \$30-\$31; single paper bags, \$35-\$35.50.

DOLOMITE

(Base prices per net ton)

Chemical-bonded, dead-burned bulk; Billmeyer, Blue Williams, Plymouth Meeting, Pa., Millersville, Va., Nario, Millersville, Martin, Haysburg, Woodville, O., \$12.25; Thornton, Rock, Ill., \$12.35; Dolly Siding, Bonne Terre, Mo., \$12.45

LEADING FERROALLOY PRODUCTS

Manganese Alloys

Spiegeleisen: (19-21% Mn, 1-3% Si). Carlot per gross ton, \$65, Palmerton, Pa.; \$66, Pittsburgh and Chicago; (16% to 19% Mn) \$1 per ton lower.

Standard Ferromanganese: (Mn 78-82%, C 7% approx.) Carload, lump, bulk \$172 per gross ton of alloy, c.l., packed, \$134; gross ton lots, packed, \$199; less gross ton lots, packed, \$216; f.o.b. Alloy, W. Va., Niagara Falls, N. Y., or Welland, Ont. Base price: \$174, f.o.b. Birmingham and Johnstown, Pa., furnaces; \$172, Sheridan, Pa.; \$175, Etna, Pa. Shipment from Pacific Coast warehouses by one seller add \$33 to above prices, f.o.b. Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Ore. Shipment from Chicago warehouse, ton lots, \$214; less gross ton lots, \$231 f.o.b. Chicago. Add or subtract \$2.15 for each 1% or fraction thereof, of contained manganese over 82% and under 78%, respectively.

Low-Carbon Ferromanganese, Regular Grade: (Mn 80-85%). Carload, lump, bulk, max. 0.10% C, 24.75c per lb of contained Mn, carload packed 25.5c, ton lot 26.6c, less ton 27.8c. Delivered. Deduct 0.5c for max. 0.15% C grade from above prices, 1c for max. 0.30% C, 1.5c for max. 0.50% C, and 4.5c for max. 75% C—max. 7% Si. **Special Grade:** (Mn 90% approx., C 0.07% max., P 0.06% max.). Add 0.5c to above prices. Spot, add 0.25c.

Medium-Carbon Ferromanganese: (Mn 80-85%, C 1.5% max., Si 1.5% max.). Carload, lump, bulk 18.15c per lb of contained Mn, carload packed 18.9c, ton lot 20.0c, less ton 21.2c. Delivered. Spot, add 0.25c.

Manganese Metal: (Mn 96% min., Fe 2% max., Si 1% max., C 0.20% max.). Carload 27" x D, packed 35.5c per lb of metal, ton lot 37c, less ton 39c. Delivered. Spot, add 2c.

Manganese, Electrolytic: Less than 250 lb, 35c; 250 lb to 1999 lb, 32c; 2000 to 35,999 lb, 30c; 36,000 lb or more, 28c. Premium for hydrogen-removed metal 1.5c per pound, f.o.b. cars Knoxville, Tenn., Freight allowed to St. Louis or to any point east of Mississippi.

Silicomanganese: (Mn 65-68%). Contract, lump, bulk, 1.50% C grade, 18-20% Si, 8.95c per lb of alloy, carload packed, 9.70c, ton lot 10.60c, less ton 11.60c. Freight allowed. For 2% C grade, Si 15-17%, deduct 0.2c from above prices. Spot, add 0.25c.

Chromium Alloys

High-Carbon Ferrochrome: Contract, c.l., lump, bulk, 20.5c per lb of contained Cr, c.l., packed 21.4c, ton lot 22.55c, less ton 23.95c. Delivered. Spot, add 0.25c.

"SM" High-Carbon Ferrochrome: (Cr 60-85%, Si 4-6%, Mn 4-6%, C 4-6%). Add 1.1c to high-carbon ferrochrome prices.

Foundry Ferrochrome: (Cr 62-66%, C 5-7%). Contract, c.l., 8MxD, bulk 22.0c per lb of contained Cr, c.l., packed 22.9c, ton 24.25c, less ton 26.0c. Delivered. Spot, add 0.25c.

Low-Carbon Ferrochrome: (Cr 67-72%). Contract, carload, lump, bulk, max. 0.03% C, 31.85c per lb of contained Cr, 0.04% C 29.75c, 0.06% C 28.75c, 0.10% C 28.25c-28.5c, 0.15% C 28.0c, 0.20% C 27.75c, 0.50% C 27.5c, 1% C 27.25c, 1.50% C 27.1c, 2% C 27.0c. Carload packed add 1.1c, ton lot add 2.2c, less ton add 3.9c. Delivered. Spot, add 0.25c.

"SM" Low-Carbon Ferrochrome: (Cr 62-66%, Si 4-6%, Mn 4-6%, C 0.75-1.25% max.). Contract, carload, lump, bulk 27.75c per lb of contained chromium, carload, packed 28.85c, ton lots 30.05c, less ton 31.85c. Delivered. Spot, add 0.25c.

Low-Carbon Ferrochrome, Nitrogen Bearing: Add 5c to 0.10% C low-carbon ferrochrome prices for approx. 0.75% N. Add 5c for each 0.25% of N above 0.75%.

Chromium Metal: (Min. 97% Cr and 1% Fe). Contract, carload, 1" x D; packed, max. 0.50% C grade, \$1.03 per lb of contained chromium, ton lot \$1.05, less ton \$1.07. Delivered. Spot, add 5c.

Silicon Alloys

25-30% Ferrosilicon: Contract, carload, lump, bulk, 17.00c per lb of contained Si; packed 18.40c; ton lot 19.50c, f.o.b. Niagara Falls, N. Y., freight not exceeding St. Louis rate allowed.

50% Ferrosilicon: Contract, carload, lump, bulk, 11.3c per lb of contained Si, carload packed 12.9c, ton lot 14.35c, less ton 16c. Delivered. Spot, add 0.45c.

Low-Aluminum 50% Ferrosilicon: (Al 0.40% max.) Add 1.3c to 50% ferrosilicon prices.

75% Ferrosilicon: Contract, carload, lump, bulk, 13.5c per lb of contained Si, carload packed 14.8c, ton lot 15.95c, less ton 17.2c. Delivered. Spot, add 0.8c.

80-90% Ferrosilicon: Contract, carload, lump, bulk, 14.65-15.00c per lb of contained Si, carload packed 15.9c, ton lot 16.9c, less ton 18.05c. Delivered. Spot, add 0.25c.

Low-Aluminum 85% Ferrosilicon: (Al 0.50% max.) Add 0.7c to 85% ferrosilicon prices.

90-95% Ferrosilicon: Contract, carload, lump, bulk, 16.5c per lb of contained Si, carload packed 17.7c, ton lot 18.65c, less ton 19.7c. Delivered. Spot, add 0.25c.

Low-Aluminum 90-95% Ferrosilicon: (Al 0.50% max.) Add 0.7c to above 90-95% ferrosilicon prices.

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Lead Price Trend Turns Downward

Leading custom smelter initiates decline with ¼-cent reduction, effective Nov. 10. Copper and zinc demand continues heavy at established higher levels

New York—Price of lead was reduced ¼-cent a pound by a leading custom smelter to the basis of 12.55c, St. Louis, for the common grade, effective Nov. 10. This is the first break in the lead price since Oct. 14 when the quotation was lowered ¾-cent a pound. After selling at a record high of 21.30c to 21.35c, St. Louis, up to Mar. 8, the buyers' strike in nonferrous metals forced the price down to a low of 13.85c on May 9. It had recovered to 14.92½c by Aug. 18 and had held at that level until Sept. 26 when the downturn was resumed.

Easiness in the market is attributable to lack of domestic buying interest coupled with continued offerings of foreign metal, chiefly of Yugoslavian and Japanese origin, at price concessions from the United States sellers' quotation.

Advances in electrolytic copper to the 18.50-cent level and in zinc to the 10-cent level have stimulated buying interest in these metals, rather than dim them, as consumers press for coverage as protection against further upward price adjustments. Straits tin also has advanced, now being quoted 94.50c for prompt delivery, but only small tonnages are being booked.

Prospects for a high rate of activity in the metalworking industries over the balance of this year and probably well into the first quarter of next year were heightened by the progress made toward restoring normal operations in the steel industry as well as by the truce reached in the coal dispute. Producers of galvanized products and tin plate are expected to re-enter the zinc and tin markets soon for additional coverage.

Copper — Leading mine producers are booked up solidly on metal for delivery over the balance of this year and, since they have not opened books for January business, an extremely tight supply situation has developed. Custom smelters are having no difficulty, of course, in disposing of their daily intake and are attempting to make equitable distribution among their customers.

With electrolytic at 18.50c, delivered Connecticut, the market is at the highest level since May 7 and compares with a range of 23.25c to 23.50c quoted in the first quarter of this year. Following the advance in the primary market on Nov. 3, brass mills made upward adjustments in their price schedules, effective Nov. 5. Wire mills raised their prices ⅜-cent a pound on bare and magnet wire and 0.657 cents a pound on weatherproof wire. The upward push on prices also extended to the brass and bronze ingot industry as well as to scrap material.

Reports received in the trade here from Washington reveal the British Ministry of Supply will purchase copper in 1950 on a competitive bid basis instead of by negotiations as in the past. Purchases on a negotiated con-

tract basis have ranged up to 20,000 tons per quarter.

Zinc—The price of zinc advanced ¼-cent a pound on Wednesday to the basis of 10.00c for prime western. This action returns the market to the level prevailing before the steel mills were closed by a strike. With settlement of the steel strike by a number of the large producers, the steel-makers have returned to the market for zinc in increasing volume. Inquiry for zinc from this source has been particularly heavy during the last few days. One of the factors in the upswing in zinc prices from the 9.25-cent level which prevailed from Oct. 3 to Oct. 26 is the loss of production due to strikes.

Upward revision in prices was made in the face of unfavorable statistical showing for October. In that month domestic deliveries fell off about 16,200 tons to 43,998 tons. Shipments on government account held at 5955 tons against 6027 tons in September, while there was a decrease in shipments on export and drawback to about 1800 tons from 3830 tons. Total deliveries came to only 51,761 tons compared with 70,077 tons in September and 67,402 tons in October, 1948.

Smelter production of slab zinc declined to 64,399 tons in October from 70,392 tons in September. This decline in output was smaller than had been expected in view of the stoppage of operations at important plants, including those at Palmerton, Pa., smelter of New Jersey Zinc Co., the Donora smelter of American Steel & Wire Co., and the Bunker Hill smelter in Idaho.

Stocks of slab zinc at smelters increased about 12,600 tons to a total of 97,841 tons as of Oct. 1 compared with 85,203 tons on Sept. 30.

Lead — While buying in the lead market has been light, sales for delivery this month will show a substantial gain over the October volume. Total stocks of lead held by smelters and refiners as of Oct. 1 totaled 202,791 tons compared with 207,108 tons on Sept. 1, reports the American Bureau of Metal Statistics. Although stocks of refined lead dropped sharply to 50,184 tons from 65,414 tons a month earlier, the decline was offset by gains in stocks in ore and matte and in base bullion at smelteries and refineries. Stocks in ore and matte were up about 8500 tons to 100,477 tons, while the amount in base bullion at smelteries and refineries increased to 19,122 tons from 17,173 tons on Sept. 1.

Imports of refined lead during the first nine months of this year amounted to 197,292 tons, an increase of 33,300 tons from the like 1948 period. Imports in September dropped to 18,626 tons from 29,794 tons in August.

Tin—Interest in the tin trade here centers on preparation for resumption of trading on the London Metal Exchange Nov. 15. As the British

Ministry of Supply is expected to be the sole holder of tin in England when trading is resumed, it will be in position to set the spot price. Traders forecast that the Ministry will sell its holdings of Straits tin at the price established in the Singapore market which reopens Nov. 16. In the interim, the Ministry's offer prices are expected to hold at the equivalent of 95.00c, f.o.b. New York for Straits and 94.50c for English refined.

The domestic market is irregular with Straits quoted 94.50c for prompt delivery. Buying remains light at this level.

Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical

Oakland, Calif.—Directors of Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corp., this city, have voted to change the name of the company to Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corp., a Delaware corporation.

Henry Kaiser, president, reported that the company's aluminum output this month are headed for an all-time record and that October shipments were the largest for any month in the company's history.

Gets Aluminum Railing Order

Seattle—Seidelhuber Iron & Bridge Works, this city, is low at \$195 for furnishing 5600 lineal feet of aluminum railing for the crest of Grand Coulee dam.

Copper and Gold Output Gain

Washington — Copper production in this country increased 5 per cent in September over August output, reports the Bureau of Mines. Gold production increased 2 per cent while silver output declined 24 per cent.

Copper production for September was 58,379 tons, of which Arizona produced 26,065 and Utah 17,220.

Gold production totaled 188 ounces, including 44,482 from South Dakota, 33,301 from California, 143 from Alaska and 29,245 from Utah.

The bureau said the sharp drop in silver output was due almost entirely to a 71 per cent decline in Idaho caused by the Aug. 20 shutdown of the Bunker Hill smelter at Kellogg.

Silver output totaled 2,224 ounces, including 580,000 from Utah, 425,000 from Montana, 366,000 from Arizona, 280,000 from Idaho, 279 from Colorado and 161,104 from Nevada.

Secondary Zinc Production

Washington—Recovery of secondary zinc in all zinc-base products declined 22 per cent in July, reports the Bureau of Mines. Total recovery reported by zinc scrap consumers was 8026 tons compared with 10,262 tons in June. Consumption of all types of zinc scrap decreased with the exception of die-cast skimmings and die scrap. Treatment of galvanizers' dross, chemical residues, dust and skimmings and ashes increased 1017 tons, 998 tons, 611 tons and 588 tons, respectively.

NONFERROUS METALS

(Cents per pound, carlots, except as otherwise noted)

ALUMINUM

Sheets and Circles: 2s and 3s mill finish c.l.					
Thickness Range, Inches	Widths or Flat Diameters, Sheet In., Incl. Base*	Coiled Sheet Base	Coiled Sheet Circle† Base		
0.249-0.136	12-48	26.9	...	...	...
0.135-0.096	12-48	27.4	...	...	...
0.095-0.077	12-48	27.9	26.0	29.6	29.6
0.076-0.068	12-48	28.5	26.2	29.8	29.8
0.067-0.061	12-48	28.5	26.2	29.8	29.8
0.060-0.048	12-48	28.7	26.4	30.1	30.1
0.047-0.038	12-48	29.1	26.6	30.4	30.4
0.037-0.030	12-48	29.5	27.0	30.9	30.9
0.029-0.024	12-48	29.9	27.3	31.3	31.3
0.023-0.019	12-36	30.5	27.7	31.8	31.8
0.018-0.017	12-36	31.1	28.3	32.6	32.6
0.016-0.015	12-36	31.8	28.9	33.5	33.5
0.014	12-24	32.7	29.7	34.6	34.6
0.013-0.012	12-24	33.6	30.4	35.6	35.6
0.011	12-24	34.6	31.3	36.7	36.7
0.010-0.0095	12-24	35.6	32.3	38.0	38.0
0.009-0.0085	12-20	36.8	33.4	39.5	39.5
0.008-0.0075	12-20	38.1	34.6	41.1	41.1
0.007	12-18	39.5	35.9	42.9	42.9
0.006	12-18	41.0	37.2	47.0	47.0

* Minimum length, 60 inches. † Maximum diameter, 24 inches.

Screw Machine Stock: 5000 lb and over.			
Diam. (in.) or distance across flats	—Round—		—Hexagonal—
	R317-T4, 17S-T4	R317-T4	17S-T4
0.125	48.0	...	...
0.156-0.203	41.0	...	...
0.219-0.313	38.0	...	...
0.344	37.0	...	47.0
0.375	36.5	45.5	44.0
0.406	36.5	...	...
0.438	36.5	45.5	44.0
0.469	36.5	...	...
0.500	36.5	45.5	44.0
0.531	36.5	...	...
0.563	36.5	...	41.5
0.594	36.5	...	...
0.625	36.5	43.0	41.5
0.656	36.5	...	...
0.688	36.5	...	41.5
0.750-1.000	35.5	40.5	39.0
1.063	35.5	...	37.5
1.125-1.500	34.5	39.0	37.5
1.563	34.5	...	37.5
1.625	33.5	...	36.5
1.688-2.000	32.5	...	...
2.125-2.500	32.5	...	...
2.625-3.375	31.5	...	...

LEAD

(Prices to jobbers, f.o.b. Buffalo, Cleveland, Pittsburgh) Sheets: Full rolls, 140 sq ft or more, \$18.00 per cwt; add 50¢ per cwt, 10 sq ft to 140 sq ft. Pipe: Full coils, \$18.00 per cwt. Traps and bends: List price plus 48%.

ZINC

Sheets, 15.50¢ f.o.b. mill, 36,000 lb and over Ribbon zinc in coils, 15.00¢, f.o.b. mill, 36,000 lb and over. Plates, not over 12-in., 14.00¢; over 12-in., 15.00¢.

NICKEL

(Base prices f.o.b. mill) Sheets, cold-rolled, 60.00¢. Strip, cold-rolled 66.00¢. Rods and shapes, 56.00¢. Plates 58.00¢. Seamless tubes, 89.00¢.

MONEL

(Base prices, f.o.b. mill) Sheets, cold-rolled 47.00¢; Strip, cold-rolled, 50.00¢. Rods and shapes, 45.00¢. Plates, 46.00¢. Seamless tubes, 80.00¢. Shot and blocks, 40.00¢.

MAGNESIUM

Extruded Rounds, 12 in. long, 1.312 in. in diameter, less than 25 lb, 52.00-56.00¢; 25 to 99 lb, 42.00-46.00¢; 100 lb to 4000 lb, 35.00-36.00¢.

Plating Materials

Chromic Acid: 99.9% flake, f.o.b. Philadelphia, carloads, 25.50¢; 5 tons and over 26.00¢; 1 to 5 tons, 26.50¢; less than 1 ton, 27.00¢. Copper Anodes: Base, 2000 to 5000 lb; f.o.b. shipping point, freight allowed; Flat untrimmed 27.96¢; oval 27.46¢; cast 25.99¢.

Copper Cyanide: 70-71% Cu, 100-lb drums, 45.00¢ f.o.b. Niagara Falls, N. Y. Sodium Cyanide: 96-98%, ½-oz ball, in 200 lb drums, 1 to 900 lb, 18.00¢; 1000 to 19,000 lb, 17.00¢, f.o.b. Niagara Falls, N. Y. Packaged in 100 lb drums add ½-cent.

Copper Carbonate: 54-56% metallic Cu; 50 lb bags, up to 250 lb, 25.25¢; over 250 lb, 24.25¢, f.o.b. Cleveland.

Nickel Anodes: Rolled oval, carbonized, carloads, 53.00¢; 10,000 to 30,000 lb, 57.00¢; 3000 to 10,000 lb, 58.00¢; 500 to 3000 lb, 59.00¢; 100 to 500 lb, 61.00¢; under 10 lb, 64.00¢; f.o.b. Cleveland.

Nickel Chloride: 100-lb kegs, 26.50¢; 400-lb bbl, 24.50¢, f.o.b. Cleveland, freight allowed on barrels, or 4 or more kegs.

Tin Anodes: Bar, 1000 lb and over, 111.00¢, 500 to 999 lb, 111.50¢; 200 to 499 lb, 112.00¢; less than 200 lb, 113.50¢; ball, 1000 lb and over, 113.25¢; 500 to 999 lb, 113.75¢; 200 to 499 lb, 114.25¢; less than 200 lb, 115.75¢ f.o.b. Seward, N. J.

Sodium Stannate: 25 lb cans only, less than 100 lb, to consumers 67.9¢; 100 or 300 lb drums only, 100 to 500 lb, 69.7¢; 600 to 1900 lb, 57.3¢; 2000 to 9900 lb, 55.5¢, f.o.b. Seward, N. J. On 100 or 350 lb drums only, 100 to 600 lb, 59.7¢; 600 to 1900 lb, 57.3¢; 2000 to 9900 lb, 55.5¢; 10,000 lb and over, 54.4¢, f.o.b. Carteret, N. J. Freight not exceeding St. Louis rate allowed.

Zinc Cyanide: 100-lb drums 38.00¢, f.o.b. Niagara Falls, N. Y.; 40.50¢, f.o.b. Cleveland; 39.25¢, del. Detroit and Philadelphia.

Stannous Sulphate: 100 lb kegs or 400 lb bbl, less than 2000 lb 96.00¢; more than 2000 lb, 94.00¢, f.o.b. Carteret, N. J.

Stannous Chloride (Anhydrous): In 400 lb bbl, 83.00¢; 100 lb kegs 84.00¢, f.o.b. Carteret, N. J.

Scrap Metals

BRASS MILL ALLOWANCES

Prices in cents per pound for less than 15,000 lb f.o.b. shipping point.

	Clean Heavy	Rod Ends	Clean Turnings
Copper	15.50	15.50	14.75
Yellow brass	12.50	12.25	11.37½
Commercial Bronze			
95%	14.50	14.25	13.75
90%	14.25	14.00	13.50
Red brass			
85%	14.00	13.75	13.25
80%	13.62½	13.37½	12.87½
Best Quality (71-80%)	13.37½	13.12½	12.62½
Muntz Metal	11.50	11.25	10.75
Nickel, silver, 10% ..	14.50	14.25	7.25
Phos. bronze, A.....	16.75	16.50	15.50
Naval brass	12.00	11.75	11.25
Manganese bronze ..	12.00	11.75	11.12½

BRASS INGOT MAKERS

BUYING PRICES

(Cents per pound, delivered refinery, carload lots)

No. 1 copper 15.25; No. 2 copper 14.25; light copper 13.25; composition red brass 13.50; radiators 10.50; heavy yellow brass 10.00.

REFINERS' BUYING PRICES

(Cents per pound, delivered refinery, carload lots)

No. 1 copper 15.25; No. 2 copper 14.25; light copper 13.25; refinery brass (60% copper) per dry copper content 13.25; radiators 10.50.

DEALERS' BUYING PRICES

(Cents per pound, New York, in ton lots)

Copper and Brass: Heavy copper and wire No. 1 13.50-13.75; No. 2 12.50-12.75; light copper 11.50-11.75; No. 1 composition red brass 11.25-11.50; No. 1 composition turnings 10.75-11.00; mixed brass turnings 6.75-7.00; new brass clippings 10.50-11.00; No. 1 brass rod turnings 9.25-9.50; light brass 6.50-6.75; heavy yellow brass 7.75-8.00; new brass rod ends 9.75-10.00; auto radiators, unsweated 8.75-9.00; cocks and faucets, 9.25-9.50; brass pipe 9.75-10.00. Lead: Heavy 9.50-9.75, battery plates 5.00-5.25; linotype and stereotype 10.00-10.25; electrolyte 9.00-9.25; mixed babbitt 9.75-10.00. Zinc: Old zinc 4.25-4.75; new die cast scrap 4.00-4.50; old die cast scrap 3.00-3.25. Tin: No. 1 pewter 48.00-50.00, block tin pipe 70.00-72.00, No. 1 babbitt 36.00-38.00. Aluminum: Clippings 28 10.50-11.00; old sheets 7.50-8.00, crankcase 7.50-8.00, borings and turnings 3.00-3.50.

DAILY PRICE RECORD

	Copper	Lead	Zinc	Tin	Aluminum	Antimony	Nickel	Silver
10	18.50	12.55	10.00	94.50	17.00	32.00	40.00	73.25
9	18.50	12.80	10.00	94.50	17.00	32.00	40.00	73.25
7-8	18.50	12.80	9.75	94.50	17.00	32.00	40.00	73.25
3-5	18.50	12.80	9.75	94.00	17.00	32.00	40.00	73.25
1-2	17.625	12.80	9.75	94.00	17.00	32.00	40.00	73.25
Avg.	17.625	13.242	9.317	95.505	17.00	32.00	40.00	73.25
28-31	17.625	12.80	9.50	94.00	17.00	32.00	40.00	73.25
27	17.625	12.80	9.50	94.50	17.00	32.00	40.00	73.25
24-26	17.625	12.80	9.25	95.00	17.00	32.00	40.00	73.25

Note: Copper: Electrolytic, del. Conn. Valley; Lead, common grade, del. E. St. Louis; Zinc, prime western, del. St. Louis; Tin, Straits, del. New York; Aluminum, primary ingots, 99%, del.; Antimony, bulk, f.o.b. Laredo, Tex.; Nickel, electrolytic cathodes, 99.9%, base sizes at refinery packed; Silver, open market, New York. Prices, cents per pound; except silver, cents per ounce.

IRON AND STEEL SCRAP

Consumer prices, except as otherwise noted, including brokers' commissions, as reported to STEEL, Nov. 10, 1949; gross tons, except as noted. Changes shown in italics.

STEELMAKING SCRAP
COMPOSITE

Nov. 10	\$28.00
Oct. 27	28.00
Oct. 1949	26.71
Nov. 1948	43.25
Nov. 1944	16.40

Based on No. 1 heavy melting grade at Pittsburgh, Chicago and eastern Pennsylvania.

PITTSBURGH

No. 1 Heavy Melt.	\$29.00-30.00*
No. 2 Heavy Melt.	27.00-28.00*
No. 1 Busheling	29.00-30.00*
No. 1 Bundles	29.00-30.00*
No. 2 Bundles	24.00-25.00*
No. 3 Bundles	24.00-25.00
No. 3 Bundles	23.00-24.00
Heavy Turnings	23.50-24.50
Machine Shop Turnings	21.50-22.00†
Mixed Borings, Turnings	21.50-22.00†
Short Shovel Turnings	23.00-24.00
Cast Iron Borings	22.00*
Low Phos. Steel	31.50-32.50

* Nominal.

Cast Iron Grades*

No. 1 Cupola Cast	37.00-38.00
No. 1 Machinery Cast	39.00-40.00
Charging Box Cast	31.00-32.00
Heavy Breakable Cast	28.00-29.00

Railroad Scrap*

No. 1 R.R. Heavy Melt.	31.00
Axles	35.00-36.00
Rails, Random Length	34.00-35.00
Rails, 2 ft. and under	38.00-39.00
Rails, 18 in. and under	39.00-40.00
Railroad Specialties	32.00-33.00
Angles, Splice Bars	32.00-33.00

* Nominal.

† Crushers' buying prices.

CLEVELAND

No. 1 Heavy Melt. Steel	\$30.00-30.50
No. 2 Heavy Melt. Steel	30.00-30.50
No. 1 Busheling	30.00-30.50
No. 1 Bundles	30.00-30.50
No. 2 Bundles	23.50
Machine Shop Turnings	19.00
Mixed Borings, Turnings	20.00†
Short Shovel Turnings	20.00†
Cast Iron Borings	20.00†
Bar Crops and Plate	32.00-32.50
Punchings & Plate Scrap	32.00-32.50
Cut Structural	32.00-32.50

† Nominal.

Cast Iron Grades

No. 1 Cupola	44.00-45.00
Charging Box Cast	37.00-38.00
Stove Plate	38.00-39.00
Heavy Breakable Cast	35.00-36.00
Unstripped Motor Blocks	32.50-33.50
Brake Shoes	31.00-32.00
Clean Auto Cast	45.00-46.00
No. 1 Wheels	39.00-40.00
Burnt Cast	33.00-34.00

Railroad Scrap

No. 1 R.R. Heavy Melt.	33.00-34.00
R.R. Malleable	38.50-39.00
Rails, 3 ft. and under	43.00-44.00
Rails, Random Lengths	38.00-39.00
Cast Steel	35.00-36.00
Railroad Specialties	35.00-36.00
Uncut Tires	35.00-36.00
Angles, Splice Bars	41.00-42.00

VALLEY

No. 1 Heavy Melt. Steel	\$32.50-33.00
No. 2 Heavy Melt. Steel	30.50-31.00
No. 1 Bundles	32.50-33.00
No. 2 Bundles	25.00-25.50
Machine Shop Turnings	22.50-23.00
Short Shovel Turnings	24.50-25.00
Cast Iron Borings	23.50-24.00
Low Phos.	31.00-31.50

Railroad Scrap

No. 1 R.R. Heavy Melt.	33.00-34.00
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PHILADELPHIA

No. 1 Heavy Melt. Steel	\$25.00
No. 2 Heavy Melt. Steel	23.00-24.00
No. 1 Busheling	23.00-24.00
No. 1 Bundles	25.00
No. 2 Bundles	22.00-23.00
Machine Shop Turnings	17.00
Short Shovel Turnings	18.00
Mixed Borings, Turnings	16.00
Bar Crop and Plate	27.00-28.00
Punchings & Plate Scrap	27.00-28.00
Cut Structural	26.00-27.00
Elec. Furnace Bundles	25.00
Heavy Turnings	25.00
No. 1 Chemical Borings	27.00-28.00

Cast Iron Grades

No. 1 Cupola Cast	35.00
No. 1 Machinery Cast	38.00-39.00
Charging Box Cast	35.00-36.00
Heavy Breakable Cast	35.00-36.00
Unstripped Motor Blocks	30.00
Clean Auto Cast	38.00-39.00
No. 1 Wheels	38.00
Malleable	39.00

CINCINNATI

No. 1 Heavy Melt. Steel	\$27.00
No. 2 Heavy Melt. Steel	24.00
No. 1 Busheling	27.00
No. 1 Bundles	27.00
No. 2 Bundles	22.00
Machine Shop Turnings	14.00
Short Shovel Turnings	17.00
Mixed Borings, Turnings	15.00
Cast Iron Borings	17.00

Cast Iron Grades

No. 1 Cupola Cast	41.00
Charging Box Cast	31.00
Heavy Breakable Cast	34.00
Stove Plate	30.00
Unstripped Motor Blocks	20.00
Brake Shoes	22.00
Clean Auto Cast	41.00
Drop Broken Cast	45.00

Railroad Scrap

No. 1 R.R. Heavy Melt.	29.00
R.R. Malleable	33.00
Rails, Re-rolling	38.00
Rails, Random Lengths	35.00
Rails, 18 in. and under	44.00

DETROIT

(Brokers' buying prices, f.o.b. shipping point)	
No. 2 Heavy Melt. Steel	\$21.00-22.00
No. 1 Bundles	24.00-25.00
No. 2 Bundles	20.00-21.00
No. 1 Busheling	24.00-25.00
Machine Shop Turnings	16.00-17.00
Mixed Borings, Turnings	16.00-17.00
Short Shovel Turnings	18.00-19.00
Cast Iron Borings	18.00-19.00
Punchings & Plate Scrap	24.00-25.00

Cast Iron Grades

No. 1 Cupola Cast	34.00-35.00
Heavy Breakable Cast	30.00-31.00
Clean Auto Cast	34.00-35.00

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No. 1 Heavy Melt. Steel	\$28.00-28.50
No. 2 Heavy Melt. Steel	25.50-26.00
No. 1 Bushelings	25.50-26.00
No. 1 Bundles	26.50-27.00
No. 2 Bundles	24.00-24.50
Machine Shop Turnings	19.00-19.50
Mixed Borings, Turnings	20.00-20.50
Cast Iron Borings	20.00-20.50
Short Shovelings	21.50-22.00
Low Phos.	30.00-35.50

Cast Iron Grades

No. 1 Machinery	37.50-38.00
No. 1 Cupola	36.50-37.00
Mixed Yard	35.50-36.00
Malleable	34.50-35.00

Railroad Scrap

Rails, 3 ft. and under	35.00-36.00
Scrap rails	30.00-31.00
Specialties	31.00-32.00
No. 1 car wheels	32.00-33.00

NEW YORK

(Brokers' buying prices f.o.b. shipping point)

No. 1 Heavy Melt. Steel	\$21.00-22.00
No. 2 Heavy Melt. Steel	19.00-20.00
No. 1 Busheling	19.00-20.00
No. 1 Bundles	21.00-22.00
No. 2 Bundles	18.00-19.00
Machine Shop Turnings	11.00-12.00
Mixed Borings, Turnings	11.00-12.00
Short Shovel Turnings	11.00-12.00
Punchings & Plate Scrap	23.00-24.00
Cut Structural	23.00-24.00
Elec. Furnace Bundles	23.00-24.00

Cast Iron Grades

No. 1 Cupola Cast	29.00-30.00
No. 1 Machinery	31.00-32.00
Charging Box Cast	25.00-26.00
Heavy Breakable	25.00-26.00
Unstripped Motor Blocks	26.00
Malleable	36.00

BOSTON

(F.o.b. shipping point)

No. 1 Heavy Melt. Steel	\$20.00-20.50
No. 2 Heavy Melt. Steel	16.50-17.00
No. 1 Bundles	20.00-20.50
No. 1 Busheling	16.50-17.00
Machine Shop Turnings	11.50-12.00
Mixed Borings, Turnings	10.00-10.50
Short Shovel Turnings	13.50-14.00
Bar Crops and Plate	21.50-22.50
Punchings & Plate Scrap	21.50-22.50
Chemical Borings	19.00-19.50

Cast Iron Grade

No. 1 Cupola Cast	30.00-31.00
Mixed Cast	27.00-28.00
Heavy Breakable Cast	28.00-29.00
Stove Plate	24.00-25.00
Unstripped Motor Blocks	20.00-21.00

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No. 1 Heavy Melt. Steel	\$29.00-30.00
No. 2 Heavy Melt. Steel	28.00-29.00
No. 1 Bundles	29.00-30.00
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Machine Shop Turnings	21.00-22.00
Mixed Borings, Turnings	21.00-22.00
Short Shovel Turnings	22.00-23.00
Cast Iron Borings	20.00-21.00
Bar Crops and Plate	29.00-31.00
Punchings	29.00-31.00
Elec. Furnace Bundles	29.00-30.00
Heavy Turnings	24.00-25.00
Cut Structural	30.00-31.00

Cast Iron Grades

No. 1 Cupola Cast	42.00-43.00
Clean Auto Cast	42.00-43.00
No. 1 Wheels	33.00-34.00
Stove Plate	33.00-34.00

Railroad Scrap

No. 1 R.R. Heavy Melt.	33.00-34.00
Malleable	37.00-38.00
Rails, Re-rolling	44.00-45.00
Rails, Random Lengths	42.00-44.00
Rails, 2 ft. and under	42.00-43.00
Rails, 18 in. and under	42.00-44.00
Railroad Specialties	35.00-36.00
Angles, Splice Bars	36.00-37.00

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ST. LOUIS

No. 1 Heavy Melt. Steel	\$30.00-31.00
No. 2 Heavy Melt. Steel	25.00-26.00
Machine Shop Turnings	19.00-20.00
Short Shovel Turnings	21.00-22.00

Cast Iron Grades

No. 1 Cupola Cast	37.00-38.00
Charging Box Cast	34.00-35.00
Heavy Breakable Cast	32.00-33.00
Brake Shoes	42.00-43.00
Clean Auto Cast	40.00-42.00
Burnt Cast	32.00-33.00

Railroad Scrap

R.R. Malleable	31.00-32.00
Rails, Re-rolling	40.00-42.00
Rails, Random Lengths	36.00-37.00
Rails, 3 ft. and under	37.00-39.00
Uncut Tires	29.00-30.00
Angles, Splice Bars	37.00-38.00
Railroad Specialties	33.00-34.00

BIRMINGHAM

No. 1 Heavy Melt. Steel	\$25.00
No. 2 Heavy Melt. Steel	24.50

No. 1 Busheling	.....
No. 2 Bundles	.....
Machine Shop Turnings	.....
Mixed Borings, Turnings	.....
Short Shovel Turnings	.....
Cast Iron Borings	.....
Bar Crops and Plate	.....
Cut Structural	.....

Cast Iron Grades

No. 1 Cupola Cast	34.00
Stove Plate	28.00
No. 1 Wheels	23.00

Railroad Scrap

No. 1 R.R. Heavy Melt.	no
R. R. Malleable	.....
Rails, Re-rolling	.....
Rails 3 ft. and under	25.00
Angles and Splice Bars	31.00

SAN FRANCISCO

No. 1 Heavy Melt. Steel	\$
No. 2 Heavy Melt. Steel
Nos. 1 & 2 Bundles

Cast Iron Grades

No. 1 Cupola Cast	23.00
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Railroad Scrap

No. 1 R.R. Heavy Melt.
Wheels
Rails, Random Lengths

SEATTLE

No. 1 Heavy Melt. Steel	\$
No. 2 Heavy Melt. Steel	.....
No. 1 Busheling	.....
Nos. 1 & 2 Bundles	.....
No. 3 Bundles	.....
Machine Shop Turnings	.....
Mixed Borings, Turnings	.....
Punchings & Plate Scrap	.....
Cut Structural	.....
Elec. Furnace Bundles	.....

Cast Iron Grades

No. 1 Cupola Cast	25.00
Heavy Breakable Cast	.....
Stove Plate	.....
Unstripped Motor Blocks	.....
Malleable	.....
Brake Shoes	.....
Clean Auto Cast	.....
No. 1 Wheels	.....

Railroad Scrap

No. 1 R.R. Heavy Melt.	.....
Railroad Malleable	.....
Rails, Random Lengths	.....
Angles and Splice Bars	.....

LOS ANGELES

(F.o.b. car, Los Angeles)	
No. 1 Heavy Melt. Steel	.....
No. 2 Heavy Melt. Steel	.....
Nos. 1 & 2 Bundles	.....
No. 3 Bundles	.....
Machine Shop Turnings	.....
Mixed Borings, Turnings	.....
Punchings & Plate Scrap
Electric Furnace Bundles

Cast Iron Grades

No. 1 Cupola Cast
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Railroad Scrap

No. 1 R.R. Heavy Melt.
Rails, Re-rolling

HAMILTON, ONT.

(Delivered prices)	
Heavy Melt.	\$
No. 1 Bundles	.....
Mechanical Bundles	.....
Mixed Steel Scrap	.....
Mixed Borings, Turnings	.....
Punchings & Plate Scrap	.....
Electric Furnace Bundles	.....
Cast Iron Grades	.....
No. 1 Cupola Cast	.....
Railroad Scrap	.....
No. 1 R.R. Heavy Melt.	.....
Rails, Re-rolling	.....
Busheling	.....
Bushelings new factory, prep'd	.....
Bushelings new factory, unprep'd
Short Steel Turnings

Cast Iron Grades*

Cast	40.00
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* Removed from price of Aug. 9, 1947; quoted on basis f.o.b. shipping point.

Sheets Strip . . .

Sheet and Strip Prices, Page 137 & 138 & 139

New York—Strong pressure for sheets continues. With many producers down because of the strike and with the coal supply critical, mill deliveries are extended and indefinite. Producers who are strike-bound are quoting tentatively around 12 to 14 weeks on hot-rolled, from the time of resumption of operations, and 16 to 16 weeks on cold-finished and light galvanized sheets.

One leading eastern producer, now in operation, is quoting 12 to 14 weeks on hot sheets and heavy galvanized, with deliveries more extended on cold and light galvanized.

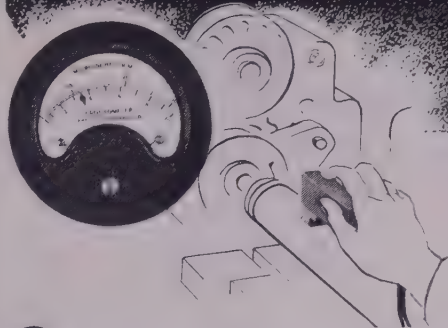
Philadelphia—While deliveries are now being received by buyers from sheet mills which have recently resumed operations, they are against old contracts and represent tonnage that was ready, or about ready, for shipment at the time the mills were forced down. On new orders deliveries range anywhere from 12 to 14 weeks, assuming no further disruptions at the coal mines. One mill, not as yet in operation, has little to offer before April on hot and cold sheets. Practically all sheet mills, even including those which have been able to run throughout the strike period, will go into next year with substantial arrearages.

Boston—Deliveries against some strike-bound hot strip tonnage and new rollings are bolstering supply with some cold-finishing mills; two major suppliers are in production and one lost no tonnage. Demand for cold strip is active with producers booked well into first quarter. While time purchasing has been of a protective nature, bulk of forward tonnage booked for both sheets and strip is likely to stick in view of increasing indications steel prices will advance early next year. For most part consumers of flat-rolled have managed to maintain operations, but in numerous instances full force of lost tonnage has yet to be experienced.

Pittsburgh—Mills which resumed operations last week should be in position to make partial shipments within ten days; full operations will not be resumed before three weeks. Buyers intend to place all sheet and strip items on a strict allotment basis at least through first quarter. Deliveries on galvanized and cold-rolled sheets are booked four months ahead; coiling stock, three months; hot-rolled and silicon sheets, slightly over 10 months. There is no assurance production schedules will be maintained at practical capacity pace indicated for late this year once inventory pipe lines have been refilled. Some consumers indicate they may have to cancel orders on mill books, based on probable reduction in demand for finished goods. Indicated tight supply situation in galvanized at other sheet items over coming months is reflected in starting up of all hand sheet mill facilities at Apollo, Pa., and offers to pay \$10 or more per ton premium for specific tonnages of these items. Nonintegrated cold-rolled strip interests' inventories of hot-rolled material were practically depleted before cessation of operations.

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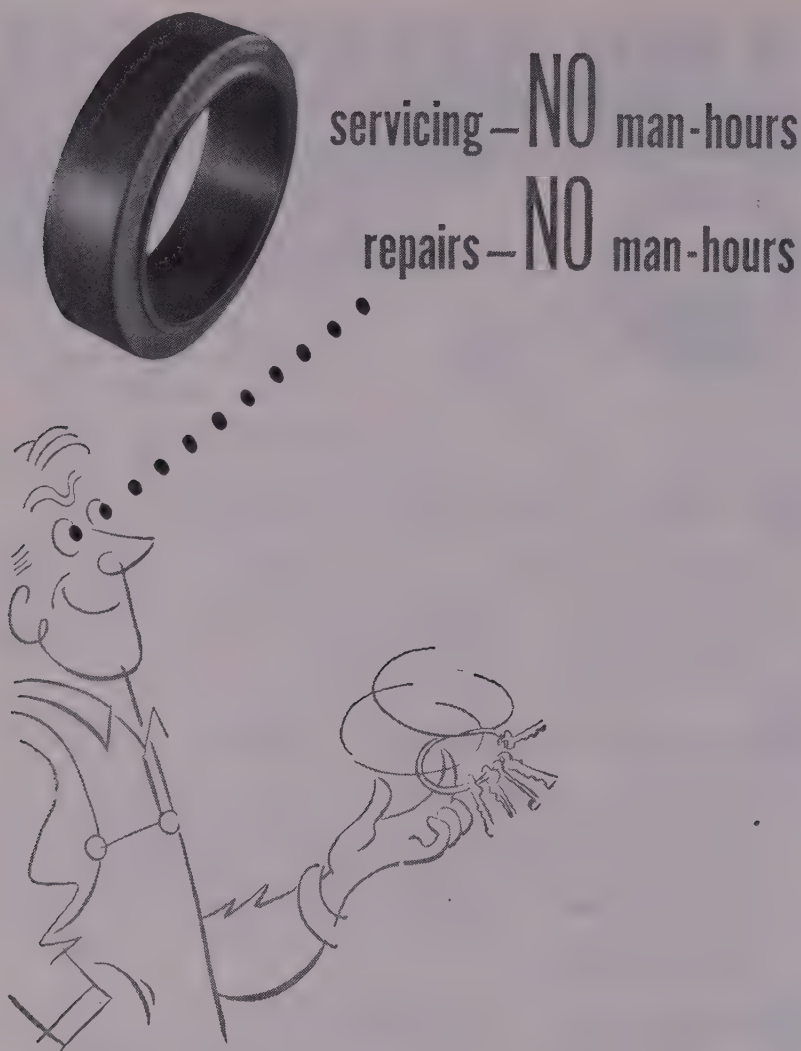
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Cleveland—Fabricators face tight supplies in flat-rolled steel production at least through next April. Two local producers, Republic Steel Corp. and Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp., are getting back into production following agreements with the union, but how long it will take the mills to regain pre-strike rolling schedules is uncertain.

The mills booked tonnage throughout the strike. As a result, heavy order backlogs will be carried into first quarter.

Effect of the strike settlements on flat-rolled steel prices is a matter for speculation among buyers. It will be sometime before producers are sufficiently informed as to the impact of the welfare package on their cost to determine definite price policy.

Cincinnati—Production of sheet will be resumed this week at Newport Ky., mills of International Detroit Corp. Steelmaking was begun last week in preparation for rolling. heavy carryover will force rationing effective on first quarter output.

St. Louis—Sheet demand continues to flow into this area from remote points. Generally it is refused since local mills' schedules are filled through March.

Chicago—Curtailed operations can't be avoided by a large number of sheet consumers because stocks have become too unbalanced. Shortage is most pronounced in light and medium gage sheets. Gray market operations and conversion deals are most common in these. Conversion ingots have been offered here at \$1 a ton. Off-grade material is in fairly good demand as a stop-gap and leads on surplus stocks are quickly followed up. Mills generally will attempt to get steel out without special regard to customers' most pressing requirements. Some mill men have advised users not to change orders already scheduled because of the confusion which would result. Some electrical sheet users have been asked to lend material to less well stocked manufacturers.

Los Angeles—Pressure from sheet consumers for early places on new books is building up steadily, although virtually no fabricator is entirely exhausted his stocks, many are trying to replenish inventories. Producers of flat-rolled items who remained in operation note a steady tapering in first quarter bookings as other mills resume. Cold-rolled sheet and strip, galvanized, and light gage plate are expected to remain on semi-allocation basis for several months, with some categories of plate probably being allocated through first quarter.

Semifinished Steel . . .

Semifinished Prices, Page 137

Pittsburgh—Number of producers have been asked to help ease critical steel supply situation by processing ingots in stock or those furnished by customers prior to time new steel is available. As no firm commitments have been made in this respect because of inability to accurately determine the schedule of starting up rolling operations in relation to availability of raw steel.

Steel Bars . . .

Bar Prices, Page 137

Pittsburgh—Demand is expected to exceed supply for both carbon and alloy merchant and cold-finished bars at least through January. Merchant carbon bar order backlogs are extended two months in the East and three months in the West, although during strike period most sellers made no firm delivery commitments. Relatively few consumers of carbon bars have as yet been forced to close plants because of depleted stocks. However, many customers have had to curtail production schedules, and some instances will be forced to cease before mill shipments can be resumed. Some cold finishers estimate it will be nearly three weeks before mills resume operations before rolled inventories will be adequately rebuilt to permit reopening of plants. This situation, of course, will not apply to those cold finishers which shipped Oct. 1. Some cold finishers estimate order backlogs will be more than doubled before operations are resumed.

Boston—Some producers of hot-rolled carbon bars are booked well into first quarter, although part of recent covering has been protective with some question as to releases. Cold-finished carbon bars are in better supply, notably with mills that have been down with well balanced inventories now available. Only cold-rolled specialties are extended beyond three to four weeks. Warehouse stocks of cold-finished and alloy bars are also in good shape.

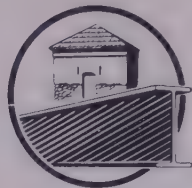
Philadelphia—Hot carbon bar consumers are experiencing relief in the way of supply as a result of various mills now getting back into operation. They have received limited shipments within a few days after labor contract settlement, tonnage that was ready for shipment before the strike began. Delivery promises on new orders, however, are rather extended.

New York—Hot carbon bar consumers are encouraged over the outlook for supplies, with some mills reopening.

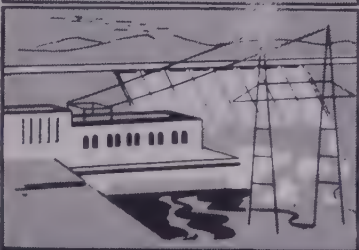
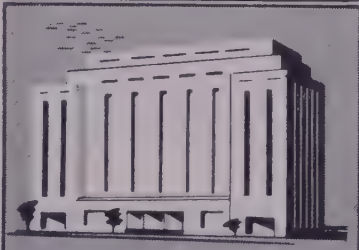
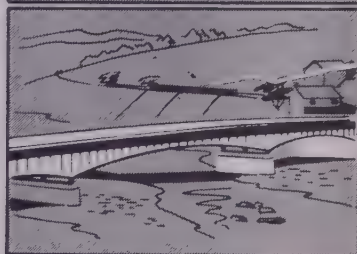
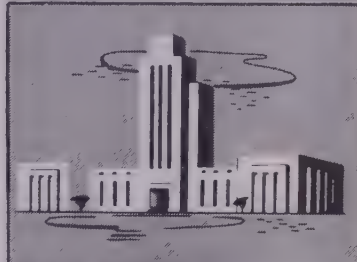
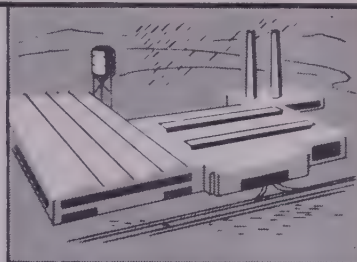
Several leading mills are quoting around two months from time of resumption of operation on new orders in small sizes; six to eight weeks for larger. They expect quite a little carryover as well as delay in resuming normal operations. One mill which has resumed operations is quoting six weeks on an average.

Cold drawers find their inventories becoming increasingly unbalanced; nevertheless, most can still offer fairly nearby delivery on a number of specifications.

Chicago—Pressure on the mills which went back to work last week is heavy from cold-drawers, some of whom have either been closed for lack of hot bars or are on greatly accelerated schedules. Cold-finished bar demand is active, although some of it stems from users needing the more readily available substitute. Approximately the first month of rolling will take little cognizance of users' most pressing needs. Some material on the immediate schedule is required for production purposes next February, but in the interim of greatest output the schedules



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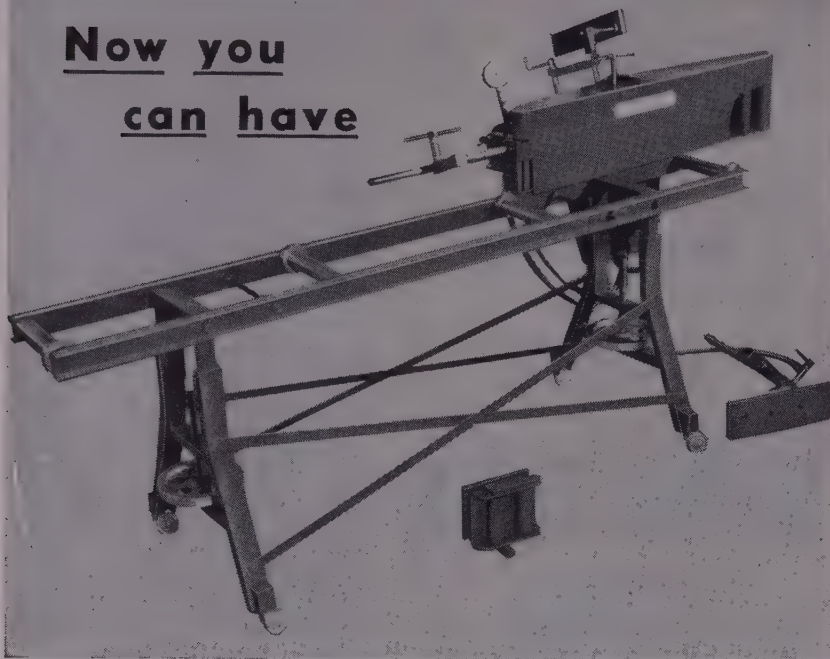
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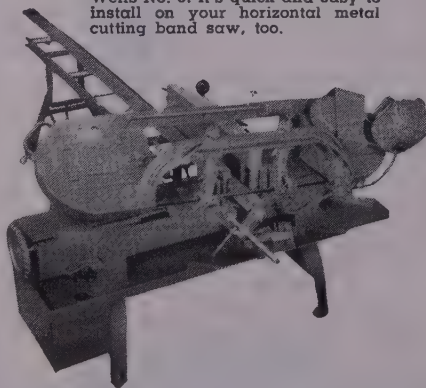


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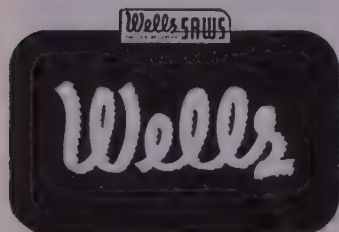
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Cleveland—Relatively tight supply situation is expected in carbon bar over the remainder of the year as well into first quarter. The situation will be less acute than in the finished products, however. Some rationing may be necessary since at least two-months' production have been lost by the time the mills are back in full operation.

Los Angeles—As they resume output, bar mills are experiencing no surge in production over prestrike levels. Consumers in this instance apparently had above normal inventories when the shutdown began, lived off their fat, and are in no hurry now to rebuild inventories.

Plates . . .

Plate Prices, Page 137

Chicago—Business for major plate fabricators in the area appears to be looking up. Bulk of demand is in units of 5000-gallon capacity and, larger, the household tank business having passed its seasonal peak. Plate demand, like that for all other steel products, will be substantial at first, but some producers do not expect quotas to be required after the first rush. Requirements of some users, notably in the railroad equipment field, are not expected to bolster demand as they normally would. In this connection, it is evident that considerable refrigerator car ordering is in prospect and some other freight car work as well. Southern Pacific reportedly inquiring for 5100 cars.

Boston—Scattered shortages of plates with fabricating shops are being eliminated; mills resuming production are shipping old tonnage and promising delivery against new orders in three to four weeks. Users operating during strikes are slightly more extended, but most can still take volume for shipment late this quarter.

New York—Eastern plate mills except one, are in operation. Lukens Steel Co., Coatesville, has adjusted its labor controversy and expects to be in full operation this week. Woelke Steel Co., Claymont, Del., has resumed negotiations with the union. Producers now operating can ship before end of this year since demand tonnages.

Philadelphia—District plate production is expected to be back to pre-strike levels in the near future. Bethlehem Steel Co. units are now at approximately normal operations, and Lukens Steel Co., Coatesville, Pa., stepping up output rapidly. It started melting last Wednesday and the end of the week was scheduled to have nine open hearths going.

Cleveland—With the heavy industries, such as the railroads, continuing to restrict purchases, activity in the plate market in this district is limited to small finished tonnages.

Seattle—Plate shops have no outstanding contracts in hand, current operations involving small tonnages for tanks, irrigation pipe and similar items. Inventories are low and new material is not promised in less than 15 to 16 weeks.

Tin Plate . . .

Tin Plate Prices, Page 138

Pittsburgh—Consumers' tin plate stocks are fair. A few customers utilizing stocks for applications originally intended, but no curtailment in production schedules has occurred. Time lag between resumption of ingot production and shipment in plate will be offset by processing of hot-rolled coils produced prior to strike and by release of tin plate inventory held in warehouses. One large producer who has resumed operations had over 100 carloads of tin plate on hand. Further processing of stock is not expected until continued flow of raw steel through immediate operations is assured. Tin plate distribution likely will be under contract allotment through most of the quarter, perhaps longer, because of substantial reduction in stocks and anticipated continued high level consumption.

Wire . . .

Wire Prices, Page 139

Cleveland—Substantial backlog may be carried into first quarter by wire mills as result of the steel strike. Noticeably tight supply situation in nails is reported in prospect with orders extending into second quarter with some producers. Delivery dates are nominal, depending upon the speed with which the mills get back into production. Longer price tone is in evidence, talk of reductions having faded. The Seneca Wire & Mfg. Co., Lorain, O., has advanced prices on wire and weaving wire from 7.70c to 8.00c, and on manufacturers bright, carbon wire from 4.50c to 4.65c, 10 mil.

Boston—While a price increase in wire products is likely early this year, little buying is predicated on this possibility. Mills, including specialty producers, are booked well into first quarter. Those halted by strikes will carry over into that quarter considerable volume that was not shipped during October and November, notably items requiring longer processing in specialty shops. Among shortages, upholstery wire is pronounced.

Pittsburgh—Those wire producers who resumed operations last week expect to start drawing operations within ten days, but won't achieve full mill output for at least three weeks. Little change in volume of incoming orders was noted throughout the strike period. Sellers' backlogs range from two to three months. Mill shipments will be closely controlled to achieve equitable distribution, although most sellers do not plan to return to a formal allotment policy. Wire rods are expected to be in particularly short supply because of the depleted inventories among nonintegrated wire producers, as well as nut and bolt interests. Some wire manufacturers have been forced to limit their acceptances for rods because of their own requirements in the production of finished wire products. Demand for fencing and barbed wire is expected to be improved over strike levels because of seasonal

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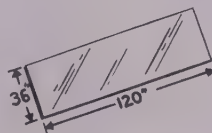
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Structural Shapes . . .

Structural Shape Prices, Page 137

Philadelphia—Shape consumers are now receiving some shipments against old orders but find that on new contracts delivery promises range generally from six to eight weeks. This is especially true of wide flange sections. One large shape producer not yet in production is promising shipments against new orders in six to eight weeks from time of resumption.

Most structural shops believe they are over the hump insofar as steel stringency is involved. Actually they are more concerned at the moment about prospects for new business.

Boston—Standard structural shape tonnages are again reaching fabricating shops. Two producers are promising delivery within four to five weeks on new orders. Some tonnage on mill books when strikes started will not be available until late December or early next year; delivery on new orders is being promised after Jan. 1.

Pittsburgh—Mill order backlogs in plates and structurals, excluding wide flange beams, are less extended than in other products. Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp. is scheduling new orders

for delivery within six weeks, including an estimated two weeks before near capacity rolling schedules can be resumed. Structural activity among nonstruck concerns has held up fairly well since Oct. 1. New bookings have been restricted generally those requiring standard specifications.

Los Angeles—Structural demand holding steady, although supplies are more than adequate. After flattening out in recent months, construction in Los Angeles county bounced back during October to an all-time high. Building permits totaled \$20 million, an increase of 37 per cent over September, and 81 per cent over October, 1948. A steel contractor specializing in service stations for oil companies currently has the largest bookings in its history.

Seattle—Fabricators have a fair volume of small jobs of less than 10 tons each. Largest tonnage pending is 1250 tons for the Chief Joseph dam bridge, Washington. Shops have sufficient inventory to carry them for 60 days but deliveries on the Pacific Coast are not expected for 90 days after eastern mills resume operation.

Reinforcing Bars . . .

Reinforcing Bar Prices, Page 137

Boston—Concrete reinforcing bar stocks held by fabricators and distributors are low and new orders are more difficult to place. Two leading fabricators have been down since Oct. 1 and the load carried by others has depleted inventories.

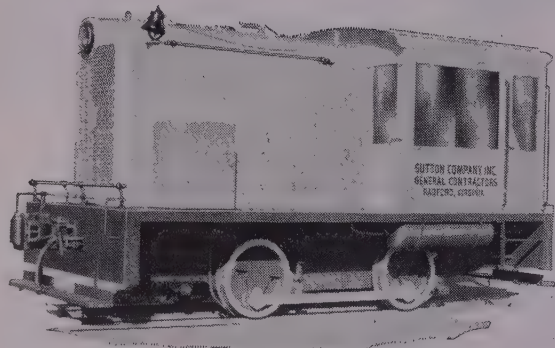
Seattle—Operations have been resumed at Bethlehem's Seattle plant on a 50 per cent basis. Capacity expected within the next week. A fair order backlog is reported, although prior to the shutdown deliveries were heavy. There is a fair demand for reinforcing materials in small tonnages.

Pig Iron . . .

Pig Iron Prices, Page 136

Chicago—Although majority of foundrymen have not suffered from lack of pig iron, a substantial number have had to bring it in from outside the district to maintain operations. A Canadian furnace operator who previously had been actively soliciting business here, now is oversold, according to local consumers. One complaint frequently voiced by foundry operators is over difference in chemical composition of iron. The same freight car, an indication that stored material is moving into consumers' hands. Officials of some large foundries are now specifying greater use of iron in the melt, relatively good availability of iron, high scrap prices and natural preference for a high iron-to-scrap ratio being cited. Isolated foundries have bettered their operating levels in the last few weeks, but the number is too few to indicate a trend. Some observers say a few malleable shops, seeking business, are pricing the product too low, some castings being offered for as low as 6 cents a pound. **Cleveland**—No shortage of molten

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ant pig iron threatens here with foundries generally operating around per cent of capacity. Except for ke, raw material inventory position of foundries is good. Consequently, casting shops are adding to stocks cautiously. With holdup orders still coming through, the inventory position of most foundries is lengthened. One large foundry reports some of its customers, evidently anticipating early termination of the strike, are stepping up their shipping schedules. Shrinking coke inventories threaten further drastic curtailment of foundry operations within two weeks. Even if the steel strike is settled by that time, resumption of active merchant iron demand dependent on the availability of coal. The increasing shortage of coal may force further curtailment of blast furnace operations and delay resumption of active production at mills of steel producers who have settled with the union. Republic Steel Corp. has only three weeks' supply of coal on hand.

Buffalo—Nine of the area's 15 blast furnaces were back in operation this week following the industry strike tieup. Bethlehem relighted five furnaces and Republic two here and one at Troy. American Radiator's Tonawanda unit resumed operations earlier. While seven of the active units were on basic iron, the resumption of activity eliminated the possibility of an iron shortage at this time. Many foundries also had pared operations as a result of the steel shutdown.

New York—Most district foundries have fair pig iron supplies but are concerned over the coke outlook. By-product ovens are beginning to curtail. For the present, most foundries are able to carry on with little or no reduction in operations.

Considerable imported iron is offered, but with few transactions. Austrian iron is available at \$44.25, c.i.f.; Dutch iron of good standard quality is offered around the same price. Belgian iron is quoted around \$43, c.i.f. Swedish charcoal iron, quoted at \$100, c.i.f. eastern seaboard, prior to devaluation abroad, declined shortly thereafter to around \$80 and is now offered at \$75. Little trading is reported.

Philadelphia—Resumption of coal mining has cast a brighter hue on the outlook for pig iron and coke supply. Some furnaces that have been curtailing production are temporarily revising their plans. By-product coke oven operators also are stiffening their schedules.

Cincinnati—Merchant pig iron continues to come into the district in sufficient volume so that there may be some piling. The situation in oven and foundry coke supply is becoming disperate among customers of producers who face early curtailment unless they receive coal shipments promptly. Stove foundries have been busy, but jobbers' backlogs have been lowered by cutbacks in castings needs which were affected by lack of steel.

St. Louis—Ground stocks of pig iron are dwindling rapidly as output demand mounts for metal. Koppe's Co. at Granite City, Ill., has initiated to blow in its second furnace

while the coal outlook remains uncertain. Pickup in pig demand is not all attributable to the strike. There is some buying to replenish inventories which have been cut back too sharply by foundries.

Birmingham—Pig iron melters are pressed to keep abreast of demand. With Republic Steel's operations down, Sloss-Sheffield and Woodward are besieged for tonnage. Foundry operations are picking up.

Iron Ore . . .

Iron Ore Prices, Page 140

Cleveland—Only a comparatively

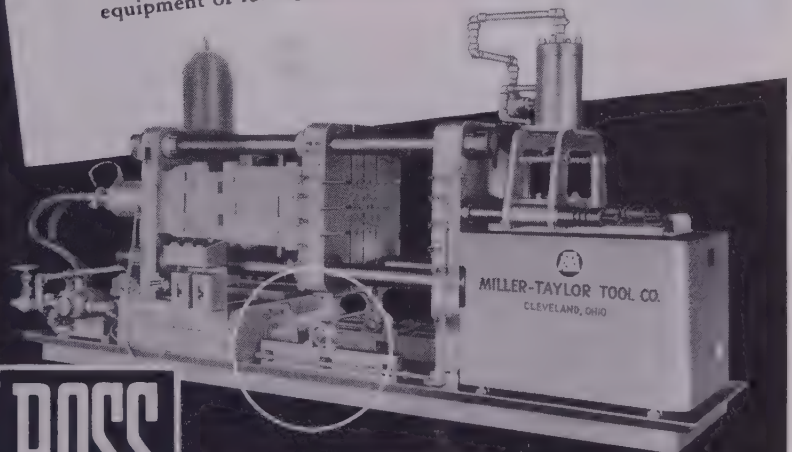
few freighters will return to the ore trade this season, even if additional steel firms reach agreements with the union soon. Pittsburgh Steamship Co. has decided to berth for the winter its entire fleet of 61 carriers, having a trip capacity of 689,250 tons. Shipments of Lake Superior ore totaled 17,273 tons from United States upper lake ports and 55,261 tons from Canadian ports, making a total of 72,534 tons for the week ended Nov. 7 compared with 62,653 tons for the preceding week and 1,923,338 tons for the like week a year ago. Total shipments for the season to Nov. 7 amount to 68,348,390 tons compared with 76,992,816 tons for the like period a year ago.

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Scrap . . .

Scrap Prices, Page 144

Pittsburgh—Mills find it increasingly difficult to purchase No. 1 heavy melting steel at \$29, reflecting growing conviction among dealers and brokers of higher price level in near future. Sale of No. 1 at Warren, O., at \$33 coupled with price advances in other districts support this view because this is a "minus" scrap area. At present price level in the East, No. 1 delivered here would range between \$32 and \$33. At start of strike, mill scrap inventories were in good shape and in the interim some interests have been able to augment stocks. Bright iron got production outlook at least well into first quarter combined with seasonal adverse effects on the collection and segregation of scrap and offsetting factors. Railroad scrap quotations remain nominal at well below prices paid by brokers for delivery to mills outside this district. Little activity noted among cast grades, although representative tonnage of No. 1 cupola has been sold within range of \$37-\$38, up \$1.

Brokers were reportedly paying \$29 for No. 1 heavy melting, \$30 for No. 2 and \$28 for No. 2 bundles. No sales were confirmed, however, up to last week at these levels.

New York—Steel scrap demand stepping up, especially from the Pittsburgh area. Some brokers declare there is more business available than they are willing to accept until market undergoes further clarification. They have advanced buying prices on No. 1 heavy melting steel and No. 1 bundles to \$21-\$22, f.o.b. shipping point; No. 2 heavy melting and No. 2 busheling to \$19-\$20; No. 2 bundle to \$18-\$19. They have advanced offerings on machine shop turnings, mixed borings and turnings and shop shovel turnings to \$11-\$12; on punchings and plate scrap, cut structural and electric furnace bundles to \$23-\$24. Cast grades generally are strong but unchanged, except for malleable which is now \$36.

Philadelphia—A strong undertone continues in scrap. While No. 1 heavy melting is unchanged at \$29, No. 2 heavy melting and No. 1 busheling are stronger at \$23-\$24 and No. 2 bundles at \$22-\$23. Bar crop and plate and punchings and plate scrap are higher at \$27-\$28; cut structural \$26-\$27; No. 1 chemical borings, \$27-\$28. Charging box and heavy breakable cast have been increased to spread of \$35-\$36, delivered. Malleable is stronger at \$39.

The leading eastern consumer of steel scrap has issued releases against orders placed prior to the strike,

Boston—No. 1 heavy melting steel is \$1.50 higher with demand slightly more active. No. 1 bundles have also advanced with the top grade of heavy melting, but No. 2 is inclined to lag. Offers of \$11.50, shipping point, for turning result in slight interest. Cast grades are slow with prices unchanged for the most part.

Buffalo—Fresh strength is apparent in the scrap market despite absence of new business. Prices of steelmaking grades regained the \$1 nominal loss registered during strike.

Cleveland—Undertone of the scrap market strengthened further last week as suppliers prepared to handle peak orders from mills resuming operations. Prices advanced on the basis of sales to mills outside this district.

Consumption of scrap is expected to be heavy for at least four months, covering a period when movement of material is hampered by adverse weather conditions. At present, supply of industrial scrap has been reduced by the curtailment in metalworking shops, the flow of scrap this month being 60 to 70 per cent below that in October. Supply of railroad material has been cut sharply since operation of work trains was banned as a coal conservation measure.

Detroit—Spurred on by exceptionally strong dealer sentiment, scrap was moved up for the third consecutive week, all steel grades advancing \$2 a ton and cast iron \$1. Brokers are having difficulty buying at the higher levels. Some dealers, for example, are asking \$30 a ton for No. 1 bundles, against a published price of \$25. McLouth Steel Corp. started its electric furnaces at Trenton, Mich., last week, after being down since spring. Rotary Electric Steel Co. is operating all its electric, both companies presumably having substantial orders for conversion ingots from automotive companies. Conversion business is being booked on a day basis, so there will be a scramble for scrap tonnage among electric furnace plants for that length of time.

Great Lakes Steel Corp.'s open hearths will resume shortly. The company's scrap position is comfortable at the moment in view of large tonnage laid down during the strike for its account. However, peak operations cannot be supported without further buying.

Large yard accumulations of scrap have been shipped out of this district for water for Cleveland and Buffalo, where there is little material hanging over the local market.

Plant scrap will be off sharply for the next two months due to cutbacks in automotive schedules. This, plus the normal decline in peddler collections during the winter, lends additional bullishness to the market.

Chicago—Traders are more cautious and prices for the moment are stabilized by a mill purchase of No. 1 heavy melting at \$30, No. 2 heavy melting at \$28 and No. 2 bundles at \$3. Brokers' offerings in some cases were about \$1 less than these figures, although railroad material continues to command a substantial premium. In recognition of the present market, some dealers have upped buying prices for most grades \$1-\$2 and are reported by generators as eager to augment their yard stocks. Good foundry scrap is in fairly active demand, although price is working against too strong a demand. Cupola cast has been sold for as high as \$44, but a representative level is between \$1 and \$2 less. Some out-district mills have relaxed their tight rejection policies on bundles, now admitting some material containing galvanized.

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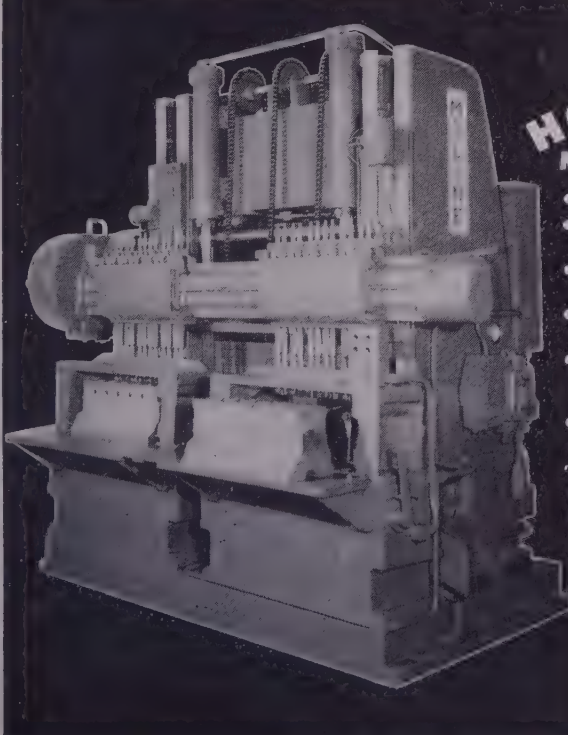
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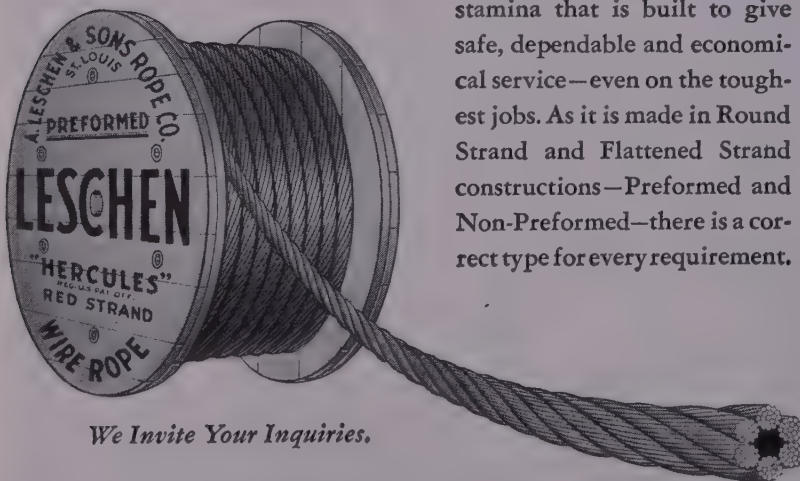
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Cincinnati—Scrap prices remain unchanged, with some dealers holding tonnage in anticipation of an active market as soon as strikes are settled. Some new buying has been done by a district interest just resuming operations.

St. Louis—Scrap shipments continue heavy on filling of old orders. There is practically no new buying locally. Although still short of fuel for winter needs, mills are holding off watching the post-strike price trend. Cast demand is tapering. Railroad scrap was bid up \$1 to \$3 last week on a 43-car offering by Missouri Pacific, its first sale of consequence since its 26-day strike shutdown.

Birmingham—Considerable stocking of scrap is being done, although the movement has been slowed by colder weather and a lessening of truck activities. Heavy melting continues at \$25. Some tonnage has moved to the Gadsden plant of Republic Steel Corp., but buying has not been particularly heavy.

Los Angeles—Demand for steel making scrap is picking up, although not yet on the scale some observers had expected. Mill inventories generally are in good shape, and the specifying will be moderate for the time being. Suppliers of at least one major strike-bound plant have quickly been stock piling scrap to meet future requirements. Demand for cupola cast and electric furnace bundles is slow, with foundries operating at an average of 30 to 35 per cent of capacity.

Seattle—With the reopening of Bethlehem's Seattle plant, steel scrap prices advanced \$2 to basis of \$18 for No. 1 and 2 heavy melting. Amp tonnage is reported available for current needs. Inventories are low. Foundries' operations are declining. Cast iron scrap is \$25 to \$27.50 a ton.

Metallurgical Coke . .

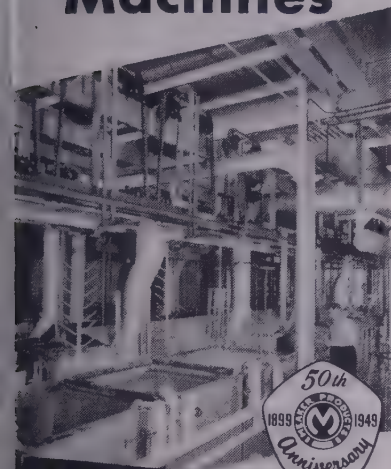
Metallurgical Coke Prices, Page 140

Pittsburgh—Resumption of coal mining operations on a full week basis until Nov. 30 will result in reinstating beehive oven operations here. Many of these interests shut down soon after coal miners instituted a day per work week schedules. Foundry coke has been in critical short supply for weeks, the only offsetting factor being sharp curtailment of foundry operations due to lack of orders because of the steel strike. Some emergency shipments of foundry coke have been sent here from the East and Pittsburgh Coke & Chemical has been able to also help ease the supply situation.

Chicago—Most sellers and consumers concede that coke quality has suffered as the result of stringency in coal. Operators of Indiana and Illinois coal fields, seriously concerned over the inroads made on the domestic market by other fuels, are seeking lower freight rates to this district in an effort to gain industrial users. Before the coal strike's suspension, it became necessary for leading sellers to chop allocations sharply, consumers reporting 60 to 100 per cent cuts. Better supply of coal is expected to result in at least partial restoration of previous quotas.

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Refractories . . .

Refractories Prices, Page 140

Pittsburgh—Sharp reduction in refractory brick output immediately following the start of the steel strike Oct. 1 has been partially reinstated with production emphasis on silica and basic brick for anticipated heavy demand resulting from widespread damage to open-hearth roofs. Shortage of coal is a deterring factor in this connection. Shipment of coke oven brick was not interrupted throughout the strike period. Deliveries of standard refractory items are readily available from stock, while specialty grades can be obtained within the normal production cycle.

Warehouse . . .

Warehouse Prices, Page 141

Boston—Buying from warehouses has slackened. Inventories of sheets are low and out of balance. With return to lower level of volume, distributors are more concerned in plugging holes in inventories on most products rather than large overall replacement. Buying from mills is heaviest in flat-rolled items.

Philadelphia—Jobbers, who had an unusually active business in October, say that on a daily basis they would have almost as good a volume of orders this month were it not for the fact their stocks are too unbalanced.

Pittsburgh—Most distributors estimate it will be three to four weeks before mills, which resumed operations last week, will make shipments in volume. Distributors have reduced substantially stocks of slow-moving items and have depleted stocks of sheets, wide flange beams and other items in heavy demand.

Cleveland—The strike-run on warehouse stocks of sheets and strip has been so heavy jobbers' inventories in these products are pretty close to bottom. In the case of some distributors, stocks have just about disappeared. Demand for bars also has been heavy. Distributors have moved substantial tonnages of ordinarily slow-moving items during the period of the strike.

Cincinnati—Abnormal demand because of mill shutdowns has drained district warehouses of sheets, plates and structurals. Jobbers have fair tonnage of bars, but stocks are unbalanced.

Los Angeles—Despite gradual resumption of mill production, jobber activity remains good. However, warehouse stocks are low in cold-rolled sheet and strip, galvanized, some carbon bar items, and reinforcing bars. In most instances, inventories will not be back to prestrike levels until well into January. Scattered price-cutting early in September, followed by general warehouse reductions, have drastically lowered jobbers' profit margin. Some off-the-cuff increases, however, have taken place on individual deals during the shutdown on items which were in urgent demand.

Seattle—Jobbers' business volume, especially in bars and structurals, increased noticeably in the last ten

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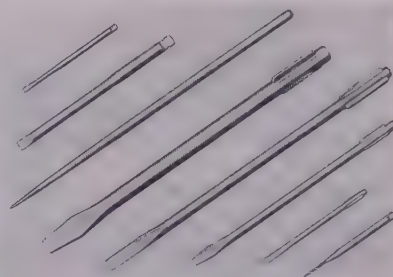
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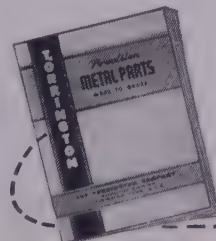


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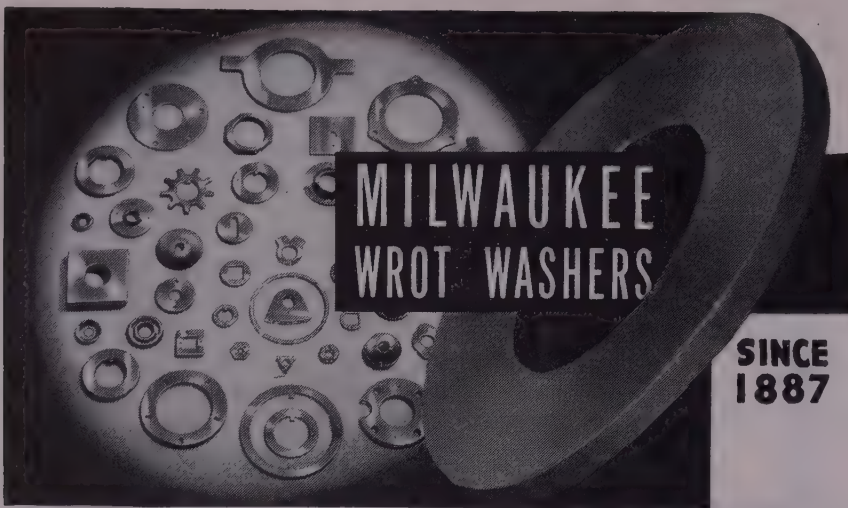
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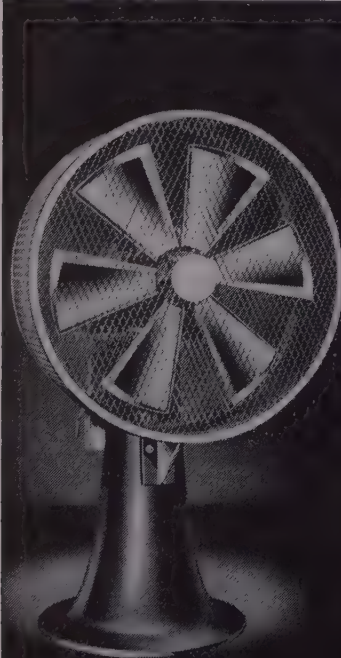
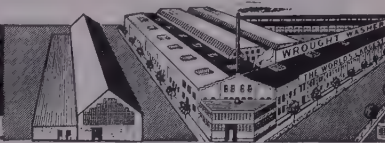
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Rails, Cars . . .

New York—Domestic freight awards continue light, although October bookings increased to 201 units from 123 in September, reports American Railway Car Institute. Bookings last month were plentiful with commercial car builders.

Deliveries in October dropped further to 4532 from 6141 in September. Of last month's deliveries, 2828 were from commercial car builders, 1704 from railroad shops. Leading types of delivered were 1883 hopper, 843 box, 465 flat, 317 tank, 145 refrigerator cars and 873 gondolas.

Backlogs as of Nov. 1 totaled 17, against 22,203 Oct. 1 and 111,400 year ago. Backlogs at the beginning of this month involved 7594 cars commercial shops; 9783 at railroad shops.

New York—Contracts totaling \$1 million for 226 diesel-electric locomotives have been awarded by the Pennsylvania Railroad. This is the latest single award of diesel locomotives ever made by this company. Six companies share in the business: American Locomotive Co., New York; Electro-Motive Division, General Motors Corp., LaGrange, Ill.; Fairbanks Morse & Co., Chicago; General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.; Lima-Hamilton Corp., Lima, O. The order consists of 176 yard switchers, road freight units, and 5 road passenger locomotives.

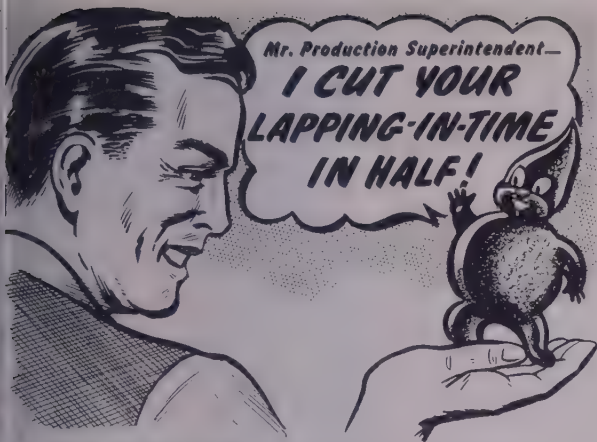
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- 650 tons, bridges and spans, contract No. Olneyville cutoff, Providence, R. I., American Bridge Co., Pittsburgh; M. Gammino Construction Co., Providence, general contractor.
- 600 tons, foundry, Budd Co., Philadelphia; Bethlehem Steel Co.
- 200 tons, Elliot street bridge, Boston, design, to West End Iron Works, Boston; Monroe & Langstroth Co., North Attleboro, Mass., general contractor.
- 160 tons, St. Mary Queen of Heaven parochial school, Avenue M and 57th street, Brooklyn, N. Y., to Grand Iron Works Inc., New York.
- 150 tons, state bridge, Monroe county, Pennsylvania, to Bethlehem Steel Co.
- 120 tons, plant additions for Seidelhuber & Bronze Works, Seattle, and Pacific Northwest Ford Tractor Co., Tacoma, Wash.; Leckenby Structural Steel Co., Seattle.
- 110 tons, laboratory expansion, Hercules Powder Co., Hercules, Del., to Belmont Works, Eddystone, Pa.
- 100 tons, airplane repair shop, Ladd Airfield, Alaska, to Leckenby Structural Steel Co., Seattle; Gaasland Construction Co., general contractor.

STRUCTURAL STEEL PENDING

- 2800 tons, veterans hospital, Philadelphia; Dec. 6.
- 1250 tons, Chief Joseph dam, Washington, bids in Nov. 9 to U. S. Engineer, Seattle.
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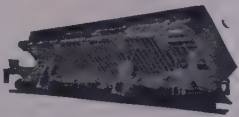
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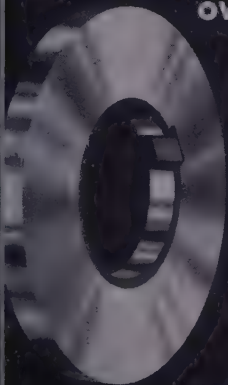


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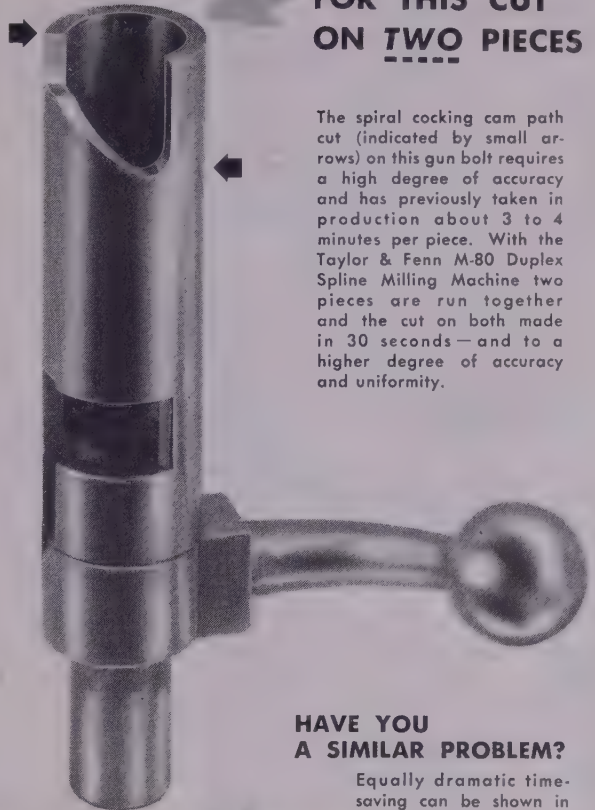
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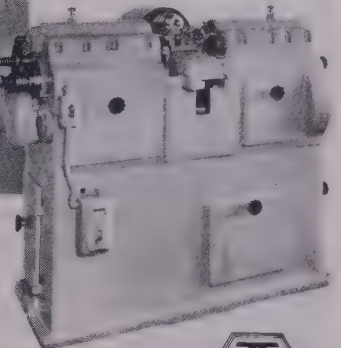
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COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO—Montana Paper Co., W. F. Emory, Polson, Mont., announces purchase of 180 acres on which planned to erect a \$1.5 million pulp plant.

LEWISTON, IDAHO—Potlatch Forests Inc. engaged in preliminary engineering survey planning construction of a \$12 million and paper plant near here.

ILLINOIS

BELVIDERE, ILL.—Midwest Bottle Cap has awarded the contract for a 1-story brick and concrete block factory building, to contain about 15,000 sq ft of floor space, to Glass Construction Co. It will cost upwards of \$68,000 with equipment.

LIBERTYVILLE, ILL.—Frank G. Hough, East Sunnyside avenue, has awarded general contract for construction of a 3-story addition to Campbell Lowrie Laundry, 400 W. Madison St., Chicago, \$130,000. E. O. Sessions Engineering, 1 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, engineer.

MINNESOTA

DULUTH—National Iron Co., West Duluth, checking damages, roughly estimated at several thousands of dollars, following a fire which damaged a three-story warehouse located at the rear of the iron works used to house old patterns used in manufacture of iron and steel products.

MISSOURI

POPLAR BLUFF, MO.—Missouri-Arkansas Power Corp. broke ground for power plant and distribution system, cost \$2.9 million.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MO.—Union Electric Co., 315 N. 12th St., plans power generating plant, confluence of Mississippi river Meramec river, cost \$26 million.

NEW YORK

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y.—Hooker Electrochemical Co. has been granted a building permit to erect a new research building, estimated cost \$85,000.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y.—E. I. du Pont Nemours & Co. Inc. has been granted building permit to erect a new research laboratory on the grounds of its local plant at an estimated cost of \$50,000.

OHIO

CLEVELAND—Parma Sheet Metal Inc., a recently incorporated firm, is setting up sheet metal shop in the Harvard-Denver area.

CLEVELAND—Floyd C. Knight, 1832 Taylor Rd., will start a machine tool factory 9615 Meech Ave. soon. Mr. Knight bought the land and plant owned by Cleveland public Tool Co. for \$57,000 at a public auction.

CLEVELAND—Hygrade Metal Fabrication Inc. has been incorporated to fabricate metal, iron and steel products. Stephen Liptak of Hygrade Design Service, 4060 78th St., is secretary of the new firm. John J. Dolezal Sr. will also be an officer.

MADISON, O.—Perfection Malleable Co. has been incorporated by I. D. Jacobson. Perfection Pipe Nipple Co., Lake street, NYCRR. The company will manufacture and deal in plumbing supplies, etc. Names as incorporators are John D. Drinko, San FitzSimmons and Wm. R. Conelly.

RAVENNA, O.—Richard Dole Sheet Metal Shop, 222 W. Lake St., has been incorporated by Richard Dole, Nedra De Young and Simon De Young under the name Richard Dole Sheet Metal Shop Inc.

YOUNGSTOWN—Trimedge Inc. is erecting new building at its Mahoning avenue plant to replace one damaged in a \$1 million fire several years ago.

YOUNGSTOWN — Mahoning Paint Corp.

600 tons, plant, A. H. Karageusien, Freehold, N. J.; pending.

600 tons, research laboratory, Sharpe & Dohne, West Point, Pa.; bids Nov. 21.

510 tons, state bridges, Shelton, Conn.; bids Nov. 21 and 28, Hartford.

490 tons, Harrisburg hospital, Harrisburg, Pa.; H. B. Alexander, that city, awarded general contract.

490 tons, west extension state turnpike, section 31-G, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania; bids Nov. 15.

430 tons, two-span through truss bridge, Lancaster, N. H.

360 tons, state bridge, Attleboro, Mass.; Westcott Construction Co., Attleboro, low on general contract.

300 tons, state bridge, section I, LR38-005, Lebanon county, Pennsylvania; bids Dec. 2.

200 tons, alterations, Philadelphia-Camden bridge; bids to be closed by Delaware River Bridge Commission, Philadelphia, Nov. 28.

150 tons, Navy communications center, Puget Sound, Wash.; bids Dec. 9.

125 tons, Bell Telephone exchange, Haddenfield, N. J.; Irwin & Leighton, Philadelphia, awarded general contract.

REINFORCING BARS . . .

REINFORCING BARS PLACED

265 tons, Elliot street bridge, Boston, to Northern Steel Co., Boston; Monroe & Langstroth Co., North Attleboro, Mass., general contractor.

250 tons, Watsonville Pajaro river bridge, by state of California, to San Jose Steel Co. Inc., San Jose, Calif.

210 tons, veterans' hospital, Holyoke, Mass., to Truscon Steel Co., Boston; M. Slotnick Co., Boston, general contractor.

200 tons, Maple Vista apartments, Olympia, Wash., to Bethlehem Pacific Coast Steel Corp., Seattle.

170 tons, Martinique apartments, Milwaukee; to U. S. Steel Supply Co., Chicago.

160 tons, three public schools, Missoula, Mont., to Northwest Steel Rolling Mills Inc., Seattle.

100 tons, A. E. Staley Mfg. Co., Decatur, Ill.; to U. S. Steel Supply Co., Chicago.

70 tons, addition, Bethlehem's Seattle plant, to Bethlehem Pacific Coast Steel Corp., Seattle.

REINFORCING BARS PENDING

1600 tons, various reclamation projects in Washington and Idaho; bid calls to be issued late November by Bureau of Reclamation, Denver.

1030 tons, Parkway Garden homes, Chicago; bids asked.

700 tons, housing project, Cambridge, Mass.; C. J. Maney Co., Boston, low on general contract.

350 tons, Mt. Savage school, Mt. Savage, Md.; bids asked.

240 tons, high school, Arlington Heights, Ill.; bids asked.

190 tons, Wheeling & Lake Erie RR bridge, Cleveland; bids asked.

187 tons, bridge, St. Croix, Wis.; bids asked.

PIPE . . .

STEEL PIPE PENDING

Unstated, 2477 feet, 4 in. and accessories; bids to H. O. Hult, secretary, LID No. 3, Alderwood Manor, Wash., Nov. 14.

Unstated, 7500 feet 6 and 8 in. and accessories; Consolidated Supply Co., Spokane, Wash., apparently low to Walla Walla, Wash., \$11,991.

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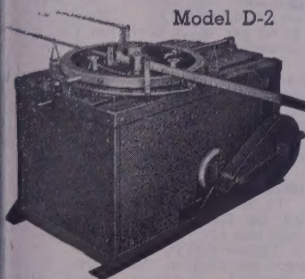
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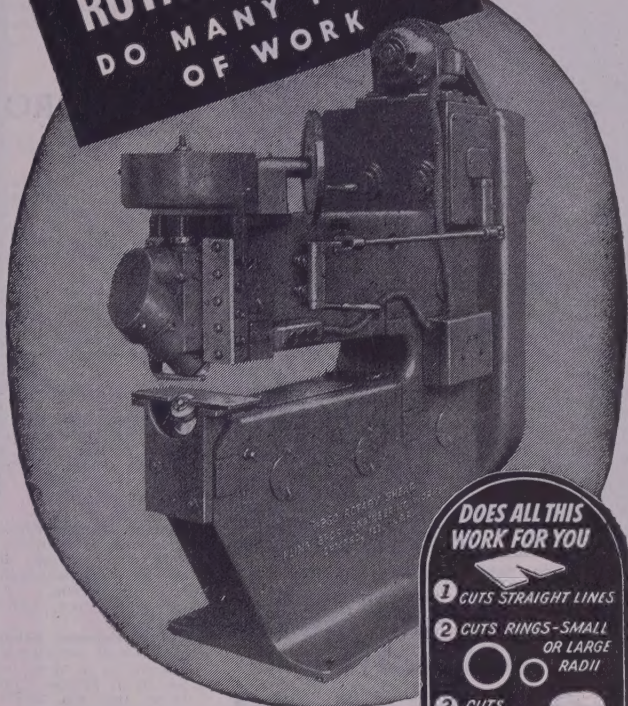
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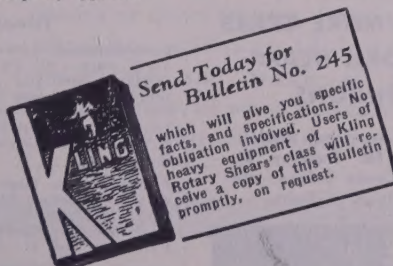
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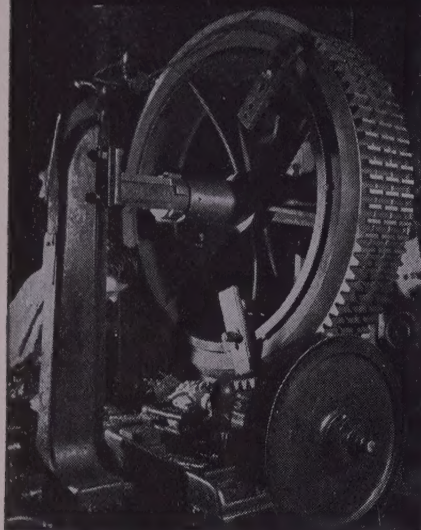
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YOUNGSTOWN—Kinray Industries Inc. has been organized by Samuel Gluck, 113 Oak Hill Ave., Lawrence Gluck and Aaron Grossman to manufacture and deal in all kinds of metals, tools, etc.

PENNSYLVANIA

MEADVILLE, PA. — Construction will begin soon on a new tank car maintenance plant for General American Transportation Co. The firm has purchased a 55 acre plot in Sagertown, Md., for the new plant.

FERROALLOYS

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Silicon Metal: (Min. 97% Si and 1% max. Fe). C.I., lump, bulk, regular 19.0c per lb of Si, c.l. packed 20.2c, ton lot 21.1c, less ton 22.1c. Add 1.5c for max. 0.10% calcium grade. Deduct 0.4c for max. 2% Fe grade analyzing min. 96% Si. Spot, add 0.25c.

Alsiifer: (Approx. 20% Al, 40% Si, 40% Fe). Contract, basis f.o.b. Niagara Falls, N. Y., lump, carload, bulk, 7.40c per lb of alloy, ton lots packed 8.80c, 200 to 1999 lb 9.15c, smaller lots 9.65c. Delivered. Spot up 0.5c.

Briquetted Alloys

Chromium Briquets: (Weighing approx. 3% lb each and containing exactly 2 lb of Cr). Contract, carload, bulk, 13.75c per lb of briquet, carload packed 14.45c, ton lot 15.25c, less ton 16.15c. Delivered. Add 0.25c for notching. Spot, add 0.25c.

Ferromanganese Briquets: (Weighing approx. 3 lb and containing exactly 2 lb of Mn). Contract, carload, bulk 10.45c per lb of briquet, c.l. packaged 11.25c, ton lot 12.05c, less ton 12.45c. Delivered. Add 0.25c for notching. Spot, add 0.25c.

Silicomanganese Briquets: (Weighing approx. 3 1/2 lb and containing exactly 2 lb of Mn and approx. 1/2 lb of Si). Contract, c.l. bulk 10.30c, per lb of briquet, c.l. packaged 11.1c, ton lot 11.9c, less ton 12.8c. Delivered. Add 0.25c for notching. Spot, add 0.25c.

Silicon Briquets: (Large size—weighing approx. 5 lb and containing exactly 2 lb of Si). Contract, carload, bulk 6.15c per lb of briquet, c.l. packed 6.95c, ton lot 7.75c, less ton 8.65c. Delivered. Spot, add 0.25c.

(Small size—weighing approx. 2 1/2 lb and containing exactly 1 lb of Si). Carload, bulk 6.30c, c.l. packed 7.10c, ton lots 7.90c, less ton 8.80c. Delivered. Add 0.25c for notching, small size only. Spot, add 0.25c.

Molybde-Oxide Briquets: (Containing 2 1/2 lb of Mo. each) 95.00c per pound of Mo contained. F.o.b. Langeloth, Pa.

Calcium Alloys

Calcium-Manganese-Silicon: (Ca 16-20%, Mn 14-18% and Si 53-59%). Contract, carload, lump, bulk 19.25c per lb of alloy, carload packed 20.05c, ton lot 21.55c, less ton 22.55c. Delivered. Spot, add 0.25c.

Calcium-Silicon: (Ca 30-33%, Si 60-65%, Fe 1.50-3%). Contract, carload, lump, bulk 17.9c per lb of alloy, carload packed 19.1c, ton lot 21.0c, less ton 22.5c. Delivered. Spot add 0.25c.

Titanium Alloys

Ferrotitanium, Low-Carbon: (Ti 20-25%, Al 3.5% max., Si 4% max., C 0.10% max.) Contract, ton lots 2" x D, \$1.40 per lb of contained Ti; less ton \$1.45. (Ti 38-43%, Al 8% max., Si 4% max., C 0.10% max.) Ton lot \$1.28, less ton \$1.35, f.o.b. Niagara Falls, N. Y., freight allowed to St. Louis. Spot, add 5c.

Ferrotitanium, High-Carbon: (Ti 15-18%, C 6-8%). Contract \$160 per net ton, f.o.b. Niagara Falls, N. Y., freight allowed to destination east of Mississippi river and north of Baltimore and St. Louis.

Ferrotitanium, Medium-Carbon: (Ti 17-21%, C 3-4.5%). Contract, \$175 per ton, f.o.b. Niagara Falls, N. Y., freight not exceeding St. Louis rate allowed.

Vanadium Alloys

Ferrovanadium: Open-Hearth Grade (Va 35-55%, Si 8-12% max., C 3-3.5% max.) Contract, any quantity, \$2.90 per lb of contained Va. Delivered. Spot, add 10c. Crucible-Special

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Grainal: Vanadium Grainal No. 1, 93c; No. 63c; No. 79, 45c, freight allowed.

Vanadium Oxide: Contract, less carload 1c \$1.20 per lb of contained V₂O₅, freight allowed. Spot, add 5c.

Tungsten Alloys

Ferrotungsten: (70-80%). Contract, 10,000 W or more, \$2.25 per lb of contained 2000 lb W to 10,000 lb W, \$2.35; less ton 2000 lb W, \$2.47. Spot, add 2c.

Tungsten Powder: (W 98.8% min.). Contract or spot, 1000 lb or more, \$2.90 per lb of contained W; less than 1000 lb W, \$3.

Zirconium Alloys

12-15% Zirconium Alloys: (Zr 12-15%, Si 43%, Fe 40-45%, C 0.20% max.). Contract c.l., lump, bulk 6.6c per lb of alloy, c.l. packed 7.35c, ton lot 8.1c, less ton 8.95c. Delivered. Spot, add 0.25c.

35-40% Zirconium Alloy: (Zr 35-40%, Si 52%, Fe 8-12%, C 0.50% max.). Contract carload, lump, packed 20.25c per lb of alloy, ton lot 21c, less ton 22.25c. Freight allowed. Spot, add 0.25c.

Boron Alloys

Ferroboron: (B 17.50% min., Si 1.50% max., Al 0.50% max., C 0.50% max.). Contract 100 lb or more, 1" x D, \$1.20 per lb of alloy. Less than 100 lb \$1.30. Delivered. Spot add 5c. F.o.b. Washington, Pa., prices 1 lb and over are as follows: Grade A (14% B) 75c per pound; Grade B (14-18% B) \$1.20; Grade C (19% min. B) \$1.50.

Borosi: (3 to 4% B, 40 to 45% Si), \$4.25 lb contained B, f.o.b. Philo, O., with freight not to exceed railroad freight allowed to destination.

Bortam: (B 1.5-1.9%). Ton lots, 45c per smaller lots, 50c per lb.

Carbortam: (B 0.90 to 1.15%). Net ton carload, 8c per lb, f.o.b. Suspension Bridge, N. Y., freight allowed same as high-carbon ferrotitanium.

Other Ferroalloys

Ferrocolumbium: (Cb 50-60%, Mn 5% max., Si 8% max., C 0.5% max.). Contract, ton lot 2" x D, \$2.90 per lb of contained Cb, less ton \$2.95. Delivered. Spot, add 25c.

CMSZ Mixes: (No. 4—Cr 45-49%, Mn 4-6% Si 18-21%, Zr 1.25-1.75%, C 3-4.5%; No. 5—Cr 50-56%, Mn 4-6%, Si 13.50-16.0%, Zr 0.125%, C 3.50-5%). Carload, 12 M x D, c load packed 19.0c per lb of material, ton 19.75c, less ton 21.0c. Delivered.

Sileaz Alloy: (Si 35-40%, Ca 9-11%, Al 6-8% Si 8% max., Ti 9-11%, B 0.55-0.75%). Carload packed, 1" x D, 43c per lb of alloy, ton lot 45c, less ton 47c. Delivered.

SMZ Alloy: (Si 60-65%, Mn 5-7%, Zr 5-7% Fe 20% approx.). Contract, carload, packed 1/2" x 12 M, 16.5c per lb of alloy, ton lot 17.50c, less ton 18.5c. Delivered. Spot, add 0.25c.

Graphidox No. 4: (Si 48-52%, Ca 5-7%, Ti 11%). C.I. packed, 17.00c per lb of alloy; ton lots 18.00c; less ton lots 19.50c, f.o.b. Niagara Falls, N. Y.; freight allowed to St. Louis.

V-5 Foundry Alloy: (Cr 38-42%, Si 17-19 Mn 8-11%). C.I. packed, 14.25c per lb of alloy; ton lots 15.75c; less ton lots 17.0 f.o.b. Niagara Falls, N. Y.; freight allowed to St. Louis.

Simalal: (Approx. 20% each Si, Mn, Al. Lump, bulk, carload 11.00c. Ton lots, bulk 11.50c, packed 11.75c. Less ton lots, packed 12.25c per lb of alloy, f.o.b. Philo, O., with freight not to exceed railroad freight allowed to destination.

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Self Analysis

In the mail this week you may have received a questionnaire letter from our editors asking for your opinions and suggestions on some of our editorial features. Just as you are interested in your customers' reactions to your products, we too like to know what things you like the most or the least about STEEL each week. Do you, for instance, actually use the Contents page and select certain articles for close reading or are you a skimmer, who leafs through the issue page for page, stopping when something strikes your fancy or interest? Do you regularly read Mirrors of Motordom, Windows of Washington and The Business Trend? What, in your opinion, is the most interesting and helpful feature in STEEL? And how do you like the exclusive new Price Tables in the market section? If you weren't in on the particular group of letters that went out this week, we'd surely like to have you take a few minutes and give us your own comments, criticisms and suggestions in the form of a letter. It will be confidential but very much appreciated by all twenty-seven of our hard working editors who are doing everything they can to bring you the kind of service that is most helpful and interesting to you and the rest of your organization.

Top Rung

While we're on the subject of questionnaires, you may be interested in the fact that practically every one of the readership studies that have been conducted in the past year or more have shown a STEEL magazine right up on the top perch among management, production, purchasing and engineering officials throughout the metalworking industry. It is a real gratification to see that kind of evidence reflecting the job we're doing and you can dig down deep and bet your last pesos that you'll find your favorite magazine in an even more comfortable position as the preferred metalworking publication as we go on into 1950.

McKinney on Shrdlu

From Albany, N. Y. comes an interesting letter from Laurence McKinney, president of James McKinney & Son, structural steel workers. Says Mr. McK: "I don't know how old you are but I have seen you mentioned in print for some decades since you are spelled out in full along

the bottom, I believe, of a linotype machine.

"As a matter of fact, I, myself, was a Shrdlu three years ago when the Albany Artists' Group put on a fancy dress ball with the costume idea being 'Buccaneers'. I went as 'Shrdlu', a literary pirate, carrying a pen in place of a sword and passing out quotations from well-known authors, but all signed with my name. My wife went as 'Etain', a galley slave and wore a rather alluring costume made largely of galley proofs.

"May I say that yours is the one page I read in STEEL. I am glad it is not at the end of the book or I would have to read the rest of the magazine".

That costume idea is swell, Mr. McK., and the next time we're to take in a similar affair we're going to steal your stuff if we can get the little woman to hold still for an outfit of smudgy galley proofs. The only thing that bothers us is that last paragraph. When the hard working editors read it they're probably going to form a posse and hunt us out wherever we manage to hide.

Puzzle Corner

Several good readers came up with the correct answer on the turkey problem in time to get under the wire, including B. F. McNamee, National Technical Laboratories, Altadena, California and D. A. Cotton, Anderson, Indiana. Apparently everyone actually went to sleep on that train last week, however, because no one has yet crashed through with the solution which is 20 5/11 seconds according to our good friend, Bill Johnson.

Our other turkey problem was rushing the season just a little, but this one should be right in time for Thanksgiving. The owner of a small tool and die shop, having 12 employees, wishes to give a Thanksgiving turkey to all but one trouble-maker. But he does not want the trouble-maker to know he is being discriminated against, as that might cause trouble with the union (as you know). So he arranges the men in a circle and says, "Every ninth man gets a turkey, and as soon as a man gets a turkey he drops out of the circle". Where did he place the trouble-maker in order to keep him turkeyless?

Shrdlu

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